

7m could get rises of up to £1.20 next week under threshold pacts

About seven million workers could get rises of up to £1.20 at the end of next week because a jump in the retail price index will bring into operation threshold agreements concluded under Phase Three policy.

Three 'trigger' points may go at one time

Peter Jay, Economics Editor, says that early in the next week a sharp jump in the retail price index will bring into operation three 'trigger' points... The April index, to be published later, may show a three-point rise (giving pay rises of £1.20) or a 2½ point rise (giving 80p rises).

Britain's labour market still buoyant

Britain's labour market remains strikingly buoyant, contrary to widely expressed fears that unemployment might rise sharply as a result of the many stocks to business confidence of the past few months. According to figures published yesterday by the Department of Employment, the number of registered vacancies for May 12 (when the last count was taken) showed a substantial rise for the second consecutive month.

Mrs Marcia Williams included in list of 15 life peers

By David Wood, Political Editor. Mrs Marcia Williams, personal and political secretary to the Prime Minister, is included in a list of three baronesses and 12 life barons announced early this morning.

BARONESES
Fisher, Mrs Doris Mary, MP for Birmingham, Ladywood, 1970-74. Stedman, Mrs Phyllis, member, Cambridgehire County Council. Williams, Mrs Marcia, personal and political secretary to Mr Harold Wilson.

BARONS
Castle, Edward Cyril, Journalist, former alderman, Greater London Council, alderman, Islington Borough Council, 1950-74. Darling, George, MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, 1950-74; Minister of State, Board of Trade, 1964-68. Davies, Gwynn, Elton, MP for Rhondda, East, 1959-74; member, Glamorgan County Council, 1954-61.

Life Peers
74: Minister of Power, 1964-66; Secretary of State for Colonies, 1966-67; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1967-69. Pannell, Charles, MP for Leeds, West, 1949-74; Minister of Public Buildings and Works, 1964-66. Gordon Walker, Patrick, MP for Smethwick, 1945-64; Leyton, 1966-74; Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations 1950-51; Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, 1964-65; Minister without Portfolio, 1967; Secretary of State for Education and Science, 1967-68. Wallace, George, chairman, East Kilbride Development Corporation; director, Smith and Nephew Associated Companies.

Many political friends and foes of Mrs Castle will particularly welcome the life peerage for her husband. A prominent Fleet Street journalist and former London alderman, Mrs Castle has shared in Mrs Williams' remarkable career without sharing the limelight, and it is a pleasure to his friends and colleagues to see him beginning a Westminster career at last.



Mrs Marcia Williams, Frederick Lee, Charles Pannell, Douglas Houghton, Patrick Gordon Walker, Edward Castle

Act firmly, Dublin leader tells Britain

From Stewart Tendler, Dublin. The Government of the Irish Republic yesterday called on Britain to stop prevaricating and take firm action to break the 'loyalist' strike. It is understood that Mr Cosgrave, the Prime Minister, told Sir Arthur Galwey, the British Ambassador in Dublin, that the troops should man the power stations.

Essential services near to collapse in Ulster

From Robert Fisk, Belfast. The 'loyalist' general strike in Northern Ireland took the province perilously close yesterday to the total collapse of its daily life when Londonderry lost its gas supply, the electricity service announced that the power system would probably break down by the weekend, and fuel queues so scarce that motorists queued for five hours to buy only a gallon of petrol.

Jail urged if council members hide links

By Christopher Warman, Local Government Correspondent. A national code of conduct for local councillors, a compulsory register of their pecuniary interests, and tougher penalties, including imprisonment, for failure to disclose such interests, are among the recommendations in the report of the committee on local government rules of conduct, published yesterday.

Summerland commission says there are 'no villains' in fire disaster

John Chatteris, Isle of Man. Long-awaited report of the inquiry into the fire disaster, which killed 50 people in Douglas last night, was released for publication at midnight last night. The main conclusions are that there were 'no villains' in the disaster, which was the result of a combination of faults and human errors.

Mr Paisley and Mr Rees in fierce duel of words

By Hugh Noyes, Parliamentary Correspondent. Westminster. The bitterest duel in Northern Ireland welled up in the Commons yesterday as Mr Merlyn Rees, Secretary of State, accused certain Ulster MPs at Westminster of attempting to set up a provisional government and of issuing their own ration books.

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Prince of Wales address the House on leisure

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HOME NEWS

17% wage settlement gives foretaste of voluntary pay policy

By Raymond Fernan Labour Staff
A pay agreement that provides for increases in basic rates of 17 per cent and other improvements in shift and overtime allowances yesterday gave one of the first indications of what employers and unions will expect from a voluntary pay policy.

Mr David Warburton, negotiator for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, estimated that the full settlement would increase average earnings for a 40-hour week by between £5 and £6.50, making about £39.50 for a worker on the middle salary grade.

Mr Heath wings the June poll kite

By Our Political Editor
Now that he has made himself a hostage to fortune by letting slip the chance of a June election to increase his majority, Mr Wilson has had to find a way to keep Mr Heath and the Conservatives under curf. His ruse is to have it put about that he is keeping his options open for a date in July or August.

Strikers steadily gaining control in Belfast

From Robert Fisk Belfast
Shortly after breakfast time yesterday a Puma patrol tanker made its way slowly up Oldpark Road from the centre of Belfast, carrying what has now become one of the most precious commodities in Northern Ireland.

had been designated by the UWC as one of four main patrol distribution points in Belfast. Squads of UDA men assembled outside the petrol station to question motorists who wanted fuel, asking some of them for the special pass cards issued by the workers' council.

There are advice centres at four main Orange halls in the Shankill area of west Belfast and some UDA commanders are hoarding six weeks' supply of tinned food ready for siege or prolonged strike. The Army also estimate that "loyalists" have something up to £150,000 at their disposal in west Belfast, most of it profit from the drinking clubs in the Shankill area.

There were signs that the UDA were taken off guard when the strike began last week. The strikers were at first unwilling to follow the strikers' decisions, and the UDA did not erect a road block for the first four days.

In brief Awards soon for kidnap heroes

The Home Office is likely to decide within two or three weeks on what medals should be awarded to the people who risked their lives to help kidnap Ian Ball, the gun-wielding IRA member who was shot dead by the British Army.

Police from outside area aiding northern inquiry

From Christopher Walker Newcastle upon Tyne
The scope of the inquiry by detectives in the North-east widened yesterday when a senior officer from an outside force was drafted in to investigate allegations made this week about two members of Durham county police.

the business dealings of Mr John Poulson, Mr T. Dan Smith and Mr Andrew Cunningham. Its terms of reference have increased gradually and now include several major building projects in the two counties.

Ulster: Heath support for government stand

Continued from page 1.
Ulster Workers' Council, Mr Pict was delivering a blistering attack on it. He referred to the men behind the strike as "gangsters, bully boys and fascists" and said that the British Government now realized that the UWC community, both Catholics and Protestants, was being held to ransom.

Belfast said last night that the hydrogen could probably be made available but that alone could not avert a shutdown. The electricity system, Mr Patterson said, was dying for want of supplies.

Mr Cooney, the Minister of Justice in the republic, told the Daily Telegraph that the report's recommendations would mean that in future extremists would not be able to cross the border and escape retribution.

Terrorists to be tried on either side of border

From Stewart Tandler Dublin
Courts in the Republic of Ireland and Ulster are to be given powers to try crimes committed on either side of the border. The system was recommended yesterday in the report of the Law Enforcement Commission set up after the Sunningdale talks and the necessary legislation is to be introduced at Westminster and the Dail.

There appear to have been differences about amending Irish extradition acts to include political crimes. The British Foreign Office argued that it was possible in legal terms both domestically and internationally but the Irish did not accept that because it would have meant a change in the Irish constitution and thus a referendum.

5 Messages await your answer

Each day brings tragic letters from voluntary workers who devote their lives to helping old people in need, but are held back by lack of essentials. Here are extracts from 5 typical messages. How would you wish us to answer them?

Soldiers ran hot iron over body of naked woman

An inquiry into discipline at the School of Infantry, Warrminster, Wiltshire, was called for by Mr Justice Cusack at Bristol Crown Court yesterday. He had been told that four soldiers ran a hot iron over the naked body of a married woman who had gone to the sleeping quarters with one of them.

Announcement of teachers' pay inquiry expected today

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent
The Government is expected to set up an independent inquiry into teachers' pay and the structure of the teaching profession. Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has called for a meeting of both sides of the Burnham committee, which negotiates teachers' salaries, before 10 am today and his department is likely to announce the setting-up of the inquiry afterwards.

Cash crisis may end Hastings chess congress

By Tim Jones
The Hastings International Chess Congress was on its last night when the organisers announced that only an immediate cash injection of £3,500 could save the tournament, the best-known event of its kind in Britain.

MP to retire

Mr Anthony Sturt, a former MP for Edinburgh, has announced that he will not stand for reelection in this Parliament.

Hospital inquiry

South Wales police are investigating alleged supply statement they said was "at the request of Wales' hospital man committee".

Inquiry plea refus

A demand by Mr Thompson, the author of a book on the life of Broadchurch, has been refused by Mrs Castle, Secy State for Social Services.

Feed price cuts to be passed on

A group of leading animal feed manufacturers said yesterday that any further falls in raw material prices would be passed on in prices.

Prentice refusal to address students after 'racist' ban

By Our Education Correspondent
Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has rejected all invitations to speak to the National Union of Students because of the union's decision to ban "Fascist" and "racist" speakers from university campuses.

Dispute stops television programmes

By Our Labour Staff
Some BBC television programmes due to be broadcast yesterday and today have had to be cancelled because of a strike by 500 staff over a regrading dispute. The strikers, members of the National Association of Theatrical Television and Film Employees, are mainly driver-riggers on outside broadcasts and scenery and properties men.

Weather forecast and recordings

Weather forecast and recordings section containing maps of the British Isles, a table of weather forecasts for various regions, and a table of weather recordings for the previous day.

Test cases likely on lack of care for mentally ill

By John Roper Medical Reporter
Test cases may soon be brought by Mind, the campaigning arm of the National Association for Mental Health, against local authorities for failing to provide services for the mentally ill.

Pension book change

Because of delays in the renewal of pension books, the Post Office is to make payment on production of the old books under arrangements announced yesterday by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Labour research chief

Mr Geoffrey Bish, aged 35, a research assistant with the Labour Party, has been appointed secretary of the party's research department.

Bosendorfer advertisement featuring the text 'THE PIANO THAT SETS THE STANDARD OF THE WORLD' and 'Bosendorfer Pianos Limited 38 Wigmore Street, London, W1H 9DF'.

HOME NEWS

Stiffer penalties proposed for councillors who conceal interests

Christopher Warman, Local Government respondent... compulsory register of pecuniary interests...

significance of decisions on land use planning and the entry of local authorities into the business of comprehensive redevelopment...



Lord Redcliffe-Maud, chairman of the committee.

that his presence might inhibit his colleagues from speaking freely... recommending a statutory compulsory register of pecuniary interests...

money values and to indicate its seriousness... The committee recommends a maximum penalty of a fine of £400, or six months' imprisonment...

Local authority officers should be required to disclose an interest in a "contract, proposed contract or other matter" not only in a "contract", as at present...

not recommend the abolition of that provision, although three of the severest members of the committee favour its abolition...

To maintain standards, the local authority must keep its own house in order and enable others to see whether it is doing so, the committee urges...

Recompense for Myra Hindley's go-between

Mrs Patricia Ali, who lost six months' remission for making a "false" accusation about a prison officer's lesbian relationship with Myra Hindley...

A Home Office inquiry was begun after Mrs Ali had told Mr Wilson of the affair between Myra Hindley and Miss Cairns...

Man cleared Cleveland Albert Gregory, aged 41, of Brixham Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, a bus driver, was cleared at Winchester Crown Court yesterday...

Draft code sets out guidelines

The report sets out a draft for national code of conduct to guide all councillors... to provide an explicit public standard which those elected to local government can refer to...

one, disclose it and withdraw from the meeting... (2) You must follow the principles about disclosure of interest in your official relations with other councillors...

serve the whole council. You should not let your personal or political preferences influence your judgment... (3) You must not canvass the support of voters for any candidate...

As a councillor you necessarily acquire much information that has not yet been made public... (4) You must not disclose confidential information to anyone outside the council's membership or staff...

Gifts and hospitality Treat with extreme caution any offer of gift, favour or hospitality that is made to you personally by any person or organization that is doing or seeking to do business with the council or by one of its committees...

Government considering trade union review body

Government might need to re-examine the legal provisions dealing with complaints by workers against trade unions...

The committee was considering a Conservative amendment, later withdrawn, which would have had the effect of re-enacting in the Bill those sections of the Industrial Relations Act referring to "guiding principles" for unions and employers...

Prison officers call for closed visits

Enormous amounts of drugs and small tungsten blades hard enough to cut through the specially hardened bars are being passed into Albany open security prison during open visits...

Officers at the conference called for closed visits at all prisons with high-risk prisoners... Officers also accused the Home Office of using the Official Secrets Act to gag comment on matters of public interest...

Edge to housing groups

commitment to help housing associations in difficulty was yesterday by Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction...

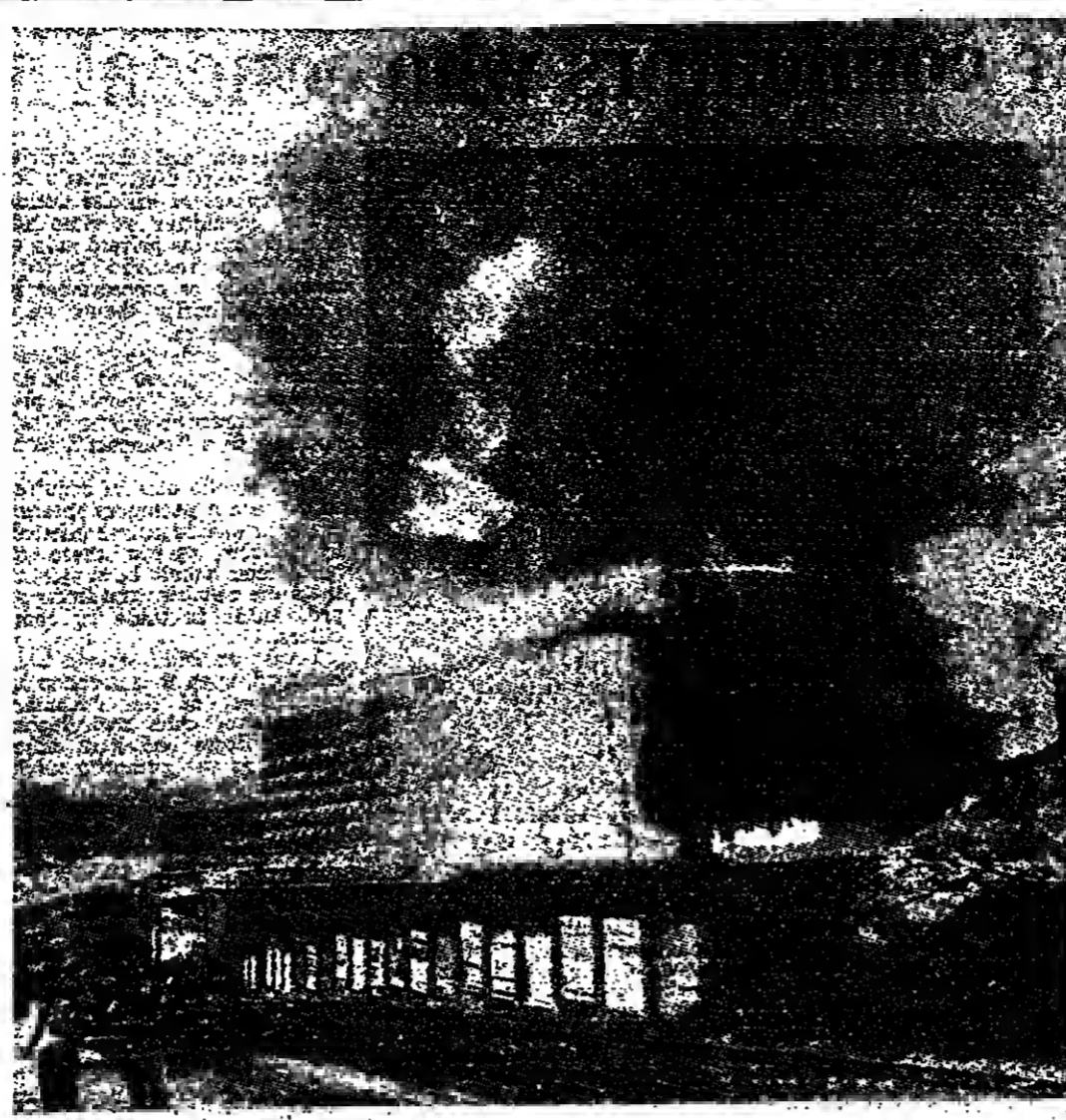
authorities had the powers to consider ways of helping housing associations in an emergency... The financial difficulties of the associations were probably not merely immediate and temporary...

Large advertisement for British Airways featuring the slogan 'Now the world can go British again' and an image of a jet airplane.

HOME NEWS

Summerland report says many human errors led to disaster

From John Chertres Douglas, Isle of Man... Faults in design, many inadequacies and failures in management, and lack of good communications between the various bodies concerned with the Isle of Man's Summerland leisure centre...



The fire at the Summerland leisure centre last August when 50 people died.

been presented, did not thereafter par design people to paper. The significant details of design and decisions must taken over passed successively to two job architects, neither of whom had been associated with this kind and magnitude of project before...

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard d'Estaing cuts down pomp for his inauguration

From Charles Hargrove Paris, May 23... To the dismay of officials at the Elysee Palace, M Giscard d'Estaing has insisted on the simplest of ceremonies for his induction as President on Monday...



Herr Günter Nollau: Plans to take legal action.

Spy charge denied by Bonn

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, May 23... The West German Government took the unusual step of organizing a press conference at Bonn last night to defend the reputation of a head of the national intelligence service...

No unilateral decision on Concorde by Britain

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent... No decision on the future of the Concorde project will be taken in Britain before discussions with the French partners, government aviation sources made clear yesterday...

Two men in bank robberies case each get 21 years

Sentences were passed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday by Mr Justice Eygleigh on the men found guilty on Wednesday in the bank robberies trial. The judge described it as the "crime of the century"...

Decline in fresh food costs hides processed line rises

Oil's and farms have shown some of the sharpest price rises in the past few months and their effects have not been felt fully in prices of finished foods. Anyone who buys olives or their oil will have experienced increases already...

Food prices

Hugh Clayton... moozers between London and the South Coast are selling small Dorer solos very cheaply. Spring vegetables are now arriving in quantity and some green grocers are offering rather premature broad beans at 15p to 20p a pound to tempt those who are who find their season cruelly short...

MPs to demand Callaghan

By Our Political Staff... Which does not mean a critical debate on the Labour Government's attitude towards membership of the EEC has been arranged for the House of Commons on June 11, the day after the general election...

Schmidt call to German to strengthen democracy

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, May 23... Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in an address to the nation tonight, reminded citizens that their role remained to be played in the permanent re-education of democracy...

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The Pope calls for world amnesia

From Peter Nicholls Rome, May 23... The Pope today issued his Bull—the most solemn form of papal pronouncement—proclaiming the forthcoming Holy Year, which he sees as casting light on the problems which most disturb the human mind. He refers to economic and social questions, the problems of ecology and sources of energy, and those all that of the liberation of the oppressed and the uplifting of all men to a new dignity of life...

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Ger Gre leaf... The Pope opens his Bull by recounting the tradition of Holy Years, which are every 25 years, and twin themes for 19 new and reconciling. The Pope points renewal and reconciliation in the first place, prior life adding "B the church as a whiplance of 10 years from the second Vatican Council the Holy Year ending of a period of reform and the of a new phase of the theological, pastoral spheres, to develop upon the laboriously laid down splended during years."

OVERSEAS

Impeachment inquiry in grim mood after President's refusal to obey present and future subpoenas

From Fred Emery Washington, May 23 The House of Representatives impeachment inquiry continued today in grimmer mood after Mr. Nixon's express refusal to abide by present or future subpoenas for evidence. The President's edited tape transcripts were also described publicly as "inadequate and unsatisfactory", and as "unreliable evidence" that should be treated with great reservation, by Mr. John Doar, chief counsel to the House judiciary committee.

President has until tomorrow to answer. Judge Gerhard Gesell has said he may throw out the case if the Government does not supply evidence, as required under the law that may prove exculpatory to defendants. (Ironically such government misconduct led to the case against Dr. Ellsberg himself being thrown out in the middle of the trial a year ago).

Hearst case gang perplexes the FBI

From Our Owo Correspondent Washington, May 23 The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is perplexed by the so-called Symbionese Liberation Army. Mr. Clarence Kelley, the FBI Director, has not been afraid repeatedly to say in public that his "G-men" had no idea where Miss Patricia Hearst was being held originally in San Francisco.

India is accused of opening nuclear road

From Our Correspondent Geneva, May 23 Mr. Agha Shahi, the Pakistani delegate told the 25-nation Disarmament Conference here today that a new situation, full of menace to neighbouring countries, had arisen after India's detonation of an underground nuclear device.

Nepal bans German climbers for three years

From Our Correspondent Kathmandu, May 23 Nepal has imposed a three-year climbing ban on the Oberland Sektion of the German Alpine Club after the unauthorized climbing of a Himalayan peak in April.

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Soviet olive branch to Peking on waterways

Moscow, May 23.—The Soviet Union today offered to cooperate with China over improving navigation conditions in waterways along their common frontier if China respected Soviet territorial integrity.

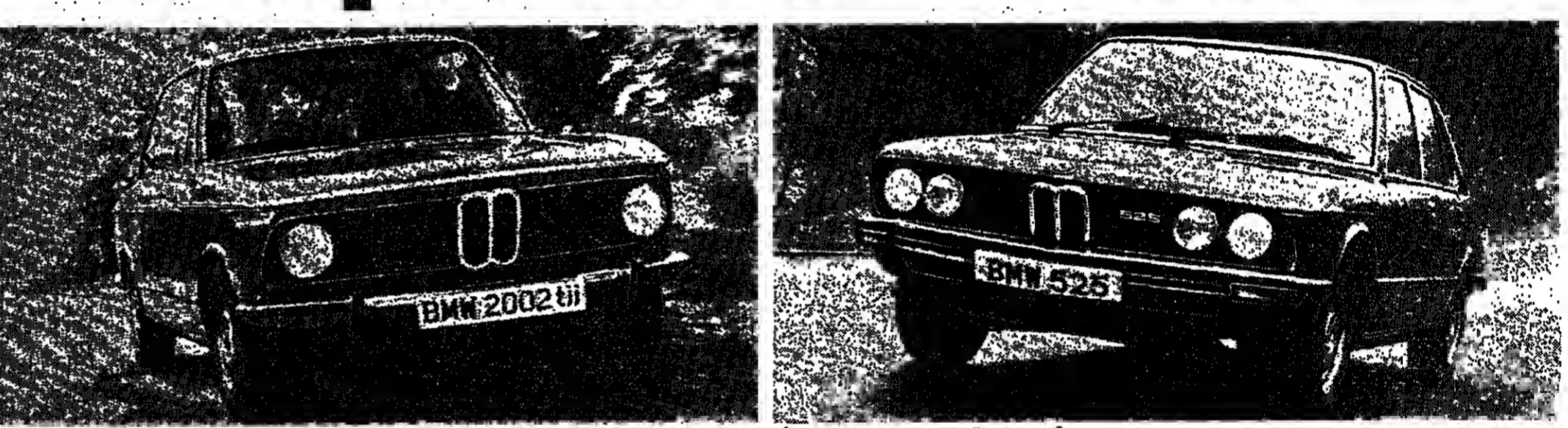
Commonwealth development bank proposed

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent The establishment of a Commonwealth development bank will be considered by financial experts of Britain, Canada, India, Nigeria, Kenya and Jamaica when they meet in London from May 28 to June 7.

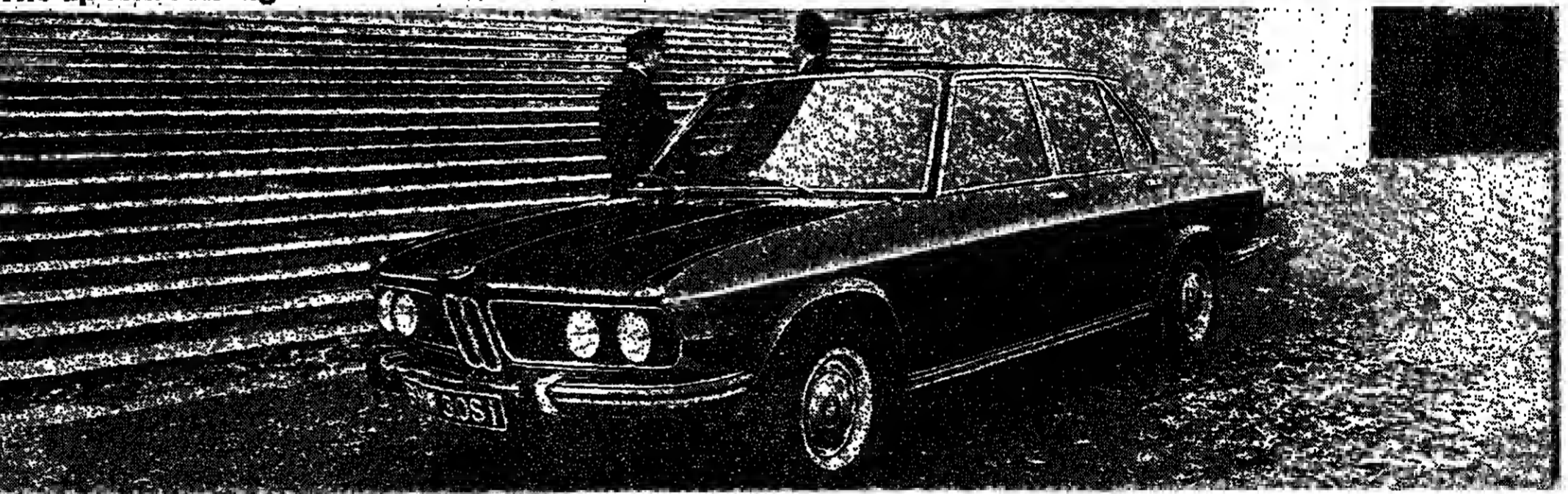
German jailed in Greece for leaflet protest

From Our Correspondent Athens, May 23 Hans Günter Walltraff, the West German writer, was today sentenced by the Athens special military court to 14 months' imprisonment for violating the martial law. He chained himself to a lamp-post in Constitution Square two weeks ago to distribute anti-regime leaflets.

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OVERSEAS

Dr Soares says Portugal must profit from the decolonizing experience of Britain and others

Lisbon, May 23.—Dr Merio Soares, the Portuguese Foreign Minister, today praised the leaders of the liberation movements in his country's three African territories as "meo of peace and justice" and appealed to the settlers to accept self-determination of the three lands as a solution that would safeguard their interests and assure a future for their children.

Frelimo (Front for the Liberation of Mozambique) was "a great source of responsibility". Dr Soares used the word decolonization in describing future developments in Portuguese Africa. He said the way chosen by Portugal's new rulers was based on the experience of Britain, France, Holland and other countries in dissolving their former empires.

mandor of the Portuguese armed forces in Mozambique, has been dismissed, it was announced here today. The move was made while Dr Antonio de Almeida Santos, Minister for Interterritorial Coordination, was meeting African strikers, white residents and troops to discuss the future of the territory.

Wiriyanu investigator on mission to Lisbon

From Our Correspondent Madrid, May 23 A member of the United Nations commission investigating alleged massacres in Mozambique flew from Madrid to Lisbon today for informal contacts with the Portuguese authorities.

Mr Atle Grahl-Madsen, of Norway, the West European representative on the commission, is understood to have made the trip in his personal capacity in order to elicit the cooperation of the Portuguese Government. He was expected to confer in Lisbon with Dr Mario Soares, the Foreign Minister, before rejoining the commission this weekend in Rome.

Beirut accusation of British prejudice

From Paul Martin Beirut, May 23 Britain's reputation among the Arabs for even-handedness in the Middle East crisis, which won it exemption from the Arab oil embargo, is being seriously questioned, Lebanon, the least doctrinaire Arab country, has accused the Labour Government of "flagrant prejudice" in Israel's favour and has hinted that it might call for sanctions by Arab oil states.

Britain is becoming flagrantly prejudiced in favour of Israel, ignoring or seeming to ignore the Arab rights. With no army to speak of, Lebanon has traditionally depended on world public opinion in its struggle to maintain an independent national identity in the hurly burly of Middle East politics. Hence, it is very sensitive about the reactions of important world governments to any acts of aggression from outside.

Kissinger optimism on Golan peace

Damascus, May 23.—Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, said today that Syria's current peace mission would certainly be achieved in the near future. He said great progress had been made during three days of shuttle diplomacy between Damascus and Jerusalem.

He made the statement on the eve of his departure for London, where he will meet Guinea rebel leaders for the first official peace talks in the 13-year-old African wars. His Government is helping for similar talks with the rebels in Mozambique and Angola.

Asked how South Africa and Rhodesia would react to Portuguese territories being run by blacks, Dr Soares said: "This is a problem concerning only these countries. But I think that South Africa should not be afraid of any interference from our side as our policy toward other nations will be based on mutual respect and non-interference in other countries' internal affairs."

General Machado was replaced by General Orlando Barbosa, who arrived quickly in Lisbon on Tuesday and flew directly to Nampula, the military headquarters of the armed forces here.

He said the commission had no immediate plans to make an official visit to Lisbon, but he would be returning to Portugal to speak to the Portuguese Army officers and troops who might have witnessed the alleged atrocities.

The commission would continue its sessions on Monday in Rome, where it was hoped to speak to the authorities of the Roman Catholic Church, possibly including Mgr Casaroli, the Vatican's Secretary for Public Affairs, would be asked about the alleged massacres.

The whole matter has served to revive Arab fears that under a Labour Government, with its strong opposition to support Israel, Britain's relations with the Arabs would deteriorate.

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Two Portuguese ex-ministers home from exile

From Our Correspondent Lisbon, May 23 Dr Cesar Moreira Baptista, the former Minister of the Interior, and Professor Joaquim Silva Cunha, who was Overseas Minister, have been flown back to Lisbon from their exile in Madeira.

Lusaka meetings aim at united liberation front

From Our Correspondent Lusaka, May 23 A series of meetings is being held in the Zambian capital of Lusaka for the purpose of forming a united front among liberation movements from Portugal's African territories.

On Saturday President Mubutu Sese Seko of Zaire is due here and there is speculation that he will be accompanied by at least one of the Angolan liberation movement leaders if not two.

Mr Upadhyay said the commission would go from Rome to Dar es Salaam, Lusaka and other places in Africa. He said that after interrogating eight witnesses in London and 12 in Madrid, all members of the commission think they have a clear concept of the location of Wiriyanu, where missionaries claimed that one of the incidents took place.

Mr Upadhyay said: "On July 10, 1973, the world community was once again shocked by the violence resulting from colonial oppression. On that date The Times of London published on its front page an article by the Rev. Gordon Ford, a participant in a series of massacres perpetrated by Portuguese troops against the African population in Mozambique."

Film director sent to labour camp

Moscow, May 23.—A Soviet film director has been sentenced to six years in a labour camp for homosexuality and incitement to suicide, reliable sources said here today.

Jewish physicist for trial on 'traffic offence'

By Our Diplomatic Staff Dr Victor Polisky, a Moscow physicist, has been charged with a driving offence and may face a sentence of up to three years in a Soviet prison. The significance of the case, according to Jewish sources in London, is that this will be the first case in which Soviet authorities have tried a Jewish physicist in Moscow itself.

Market-place fritters poison 200 Congolese

Brazzaville, May 23.—Nearly 200 Congolese, mainly women and children, were taken to hospital with food poisoning, wept home last night after receiving treatment. They are believed to have eaten fritters sold in a market—Agence France-Press.

Law Report May 23 1974

Treaty of Rome introduces new commercial torts into English law

Application in this case SA v Falck Veritas Ltd. Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stamp and Lord Justice Roskill. Judgment delivered May 22. The Court of Appeal, considering for the first time the effect of the Treaty of Rome as it relates to the law of tort, has held that the provisions of the Treaty which introduced a new tort of passing off, and a new tort of unfair competition, are now part of the law of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Communities Act 1972.

Court of Appeal

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Motorist's fear of the needle

Regina v Harding Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Willes. A motorist who claimed to be afraid of hypodermic needles had his conviction for failing to provide a laboratory test specimen quashed because the jury were not allowed to decide whether he had a reasonable excuse for his failure. The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by Anthony Raymond Harding, aged 21, who had been convicted at Cardiff Crown Court (Mr Recorder Oliver) of failing "without reasonable excuse" to provide a specimen of blood for a laboratory test under section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1972.

Visit to dissenter refuse

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Sheila Black

Shopping around



I still rave about Club pans, which I have been using for a year. They are of cast aluminium, coated with tough enamel. The ringed bases of these pans spread the heat, and they are really designed for virtually waterless cookery. They are as good as the old-fashioned cast-iron pans, but with the advantage of being light and easy to use.

Turn off the heat before cooking is finished, and see how long the pan keeps the food hot. They are also available with a Teflon coating.

Club pans cost a bit more than ordinary ones but they are worth it. For example, a 1 1/2pt saucepan, with lid, is about £4.95. A generous-sized chicken fryer (illustrated, back left of picture) is about £9.35. The big roasting pan, with high lid, is about £11.95.

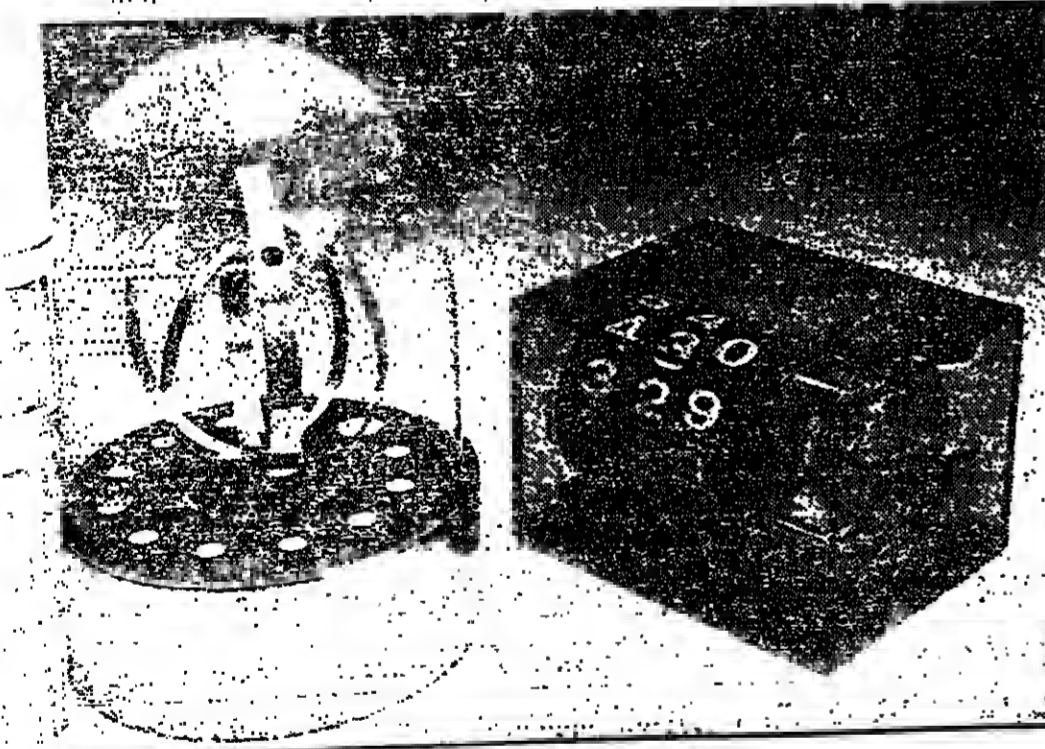
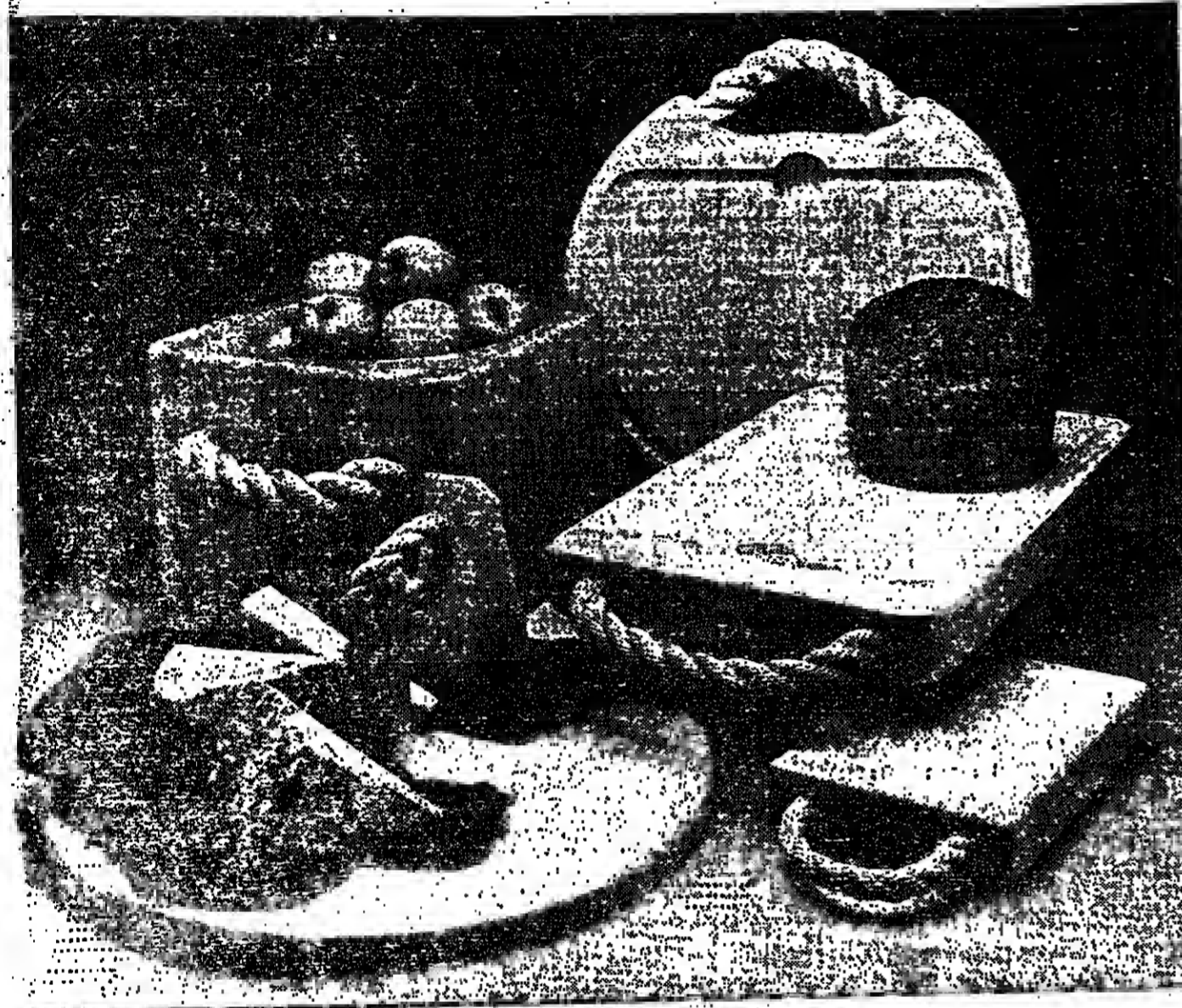
Get leaflets, stockists and details from Premier Services, 11 Central Hill, London SE19 1BQ. The new milk pan, which is only in the Teflon-lined finish, has lips on both sides for left or right-handed pouring.

● Premier is also importing a superb range of pale, pine woodware from Finland; expensive, but beautiful. The blocks of wood are laminated, which makes for strength and elegance.

In the front of the photograph, on the left, is a circular cheese board with a looped rope on its centre, upright handle (at about £3.20, give or take a few pence and according to where you shop for it); next to it are a couple of plain boards, a little one for chopping (£1.60) and a bigger one for carving, chopping or serving (about £4.30). A rounded board, back row, right, is good for bread, joints, cold meats, cheeses, serving, chopping or anything.

The salad bowl is a block of wood 7in high by 9in square, hollowed-out in the middle. The price is about £19.90. Details of stockists from Premier Services of the above address.

Photographs by Trevor Sutton



I recently chose as a wedding present the named towels about which I have written before. They have the ends embroidered, to order, with names or even with brief messages. The firm now has a printed colour leaflet giving prices (hand towels are £1.90, bath towels £3.40 and giant beach towels are £5.20—plus 30p postage).

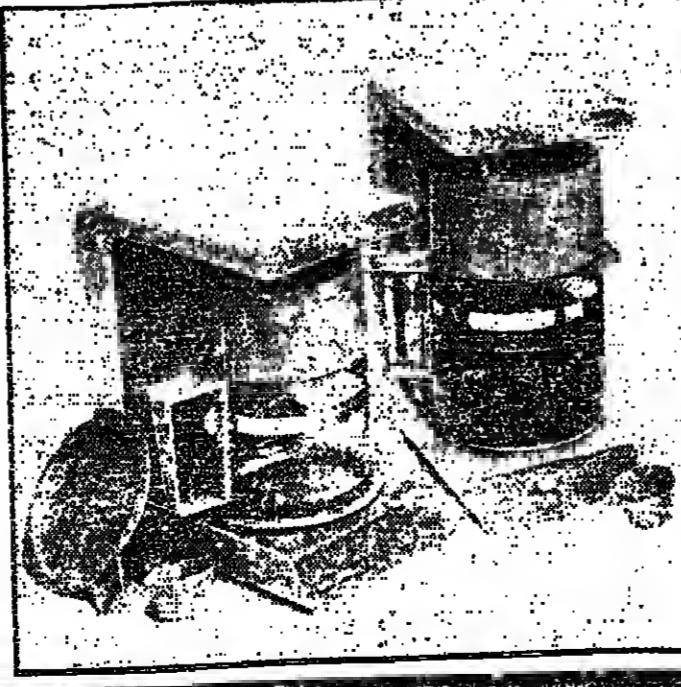
The towels take about three weeks to deliver, are of good, deep pile and quality, in rich colours (turquoise, mimosa, Oxford blue, white, orange, and cerise). The embroidery is white and the name or message limited to 16 letters. Romantics, they say, order "My Darling" towels, but there are others who ask for "Chauvinist pig". Businesses are buying the hand towels as promotional gifts, at discounts for quantity. Personal buyers are having fun thinking up 16-letter messages. The address is Barlow and Associate, Dept 1, Broad Oak Close, Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire.

Digit Clock is nice, without an opaque so that you can see all the works, including lay if you turn it sideways. The clock can be encased in opaque plastic—choose from orange, red, blue, mauve, black, and a gold or satin finish that looks like chrome. It costs £25.

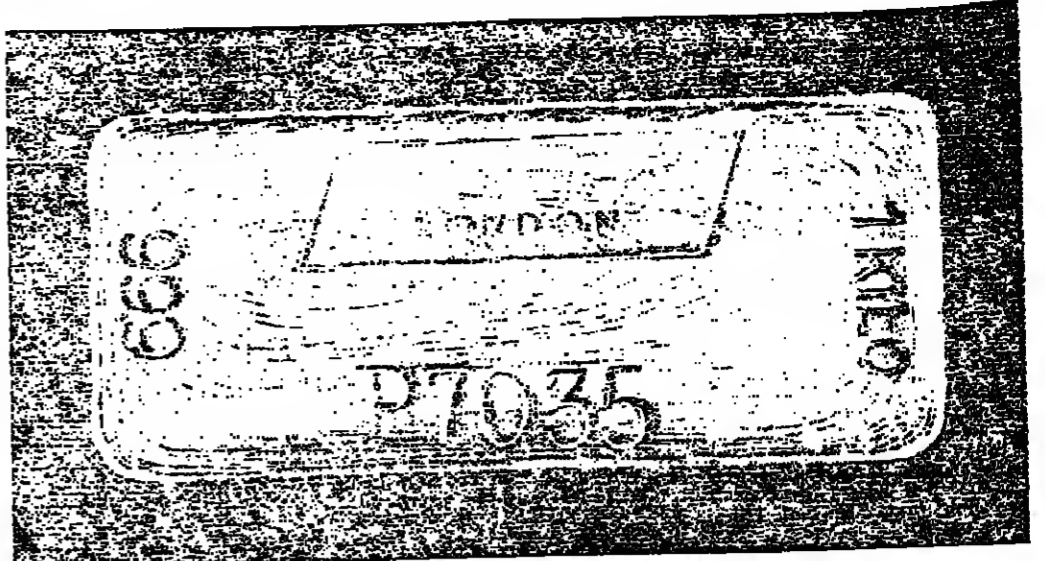
Hoop Clock has a polished chrome base, a glass dome and a battery movement—it has to be studied from above to give the time clearly. The price is £28. Both clocks are in an original range from Christon Associates—there is one called La Posh which looks like a giant rectangular wrist watch supported on a steel bracelet (£25). Stockists and illustrated leaflets from Christon Associates, 9/12 Brandon Road, London N7.



● Moulinex may not have made it first, but Moulinex does make it relatively cheaply. The firm has often been described as the Ford of the domestic appliance business, and the comparison is intended to be flattering. The latest piece from Moulinex is an electrical filter for coffee. The six-cup model is £9.95 and the 12-cup is £11.95 (VAT included). The insulated jug handle, filter holder, jug lid and measure are all in coffee-coloured plastic, and the jug is finished with a stainless steel trim. In most Moulinex stockists now—and there are plenty of those. For stockists and a colour leaflet showing the whole Moulinex range, write to the firm at Station Approach, Coulsdon North, Coulsdon, Surrey.



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Bannerman puts out Jacklin then loses to Fernandez

By Lewine Mair

After fulfilling the prediction he made on Wednesday night—that he would defeat Tom Jacklin—Harry Bannerman lost by three strokes to Vicente Fernandez...

Bannerman felt he had won him this memorable victory. He was the second he struck with a three-wood from the bank of a bunker on the 13th...



Harry Bannerman... memorable victory, then defeat.

- Card of course table with columns for Hole, Yds, Par, Hols, Yds, Par. Includes scores for various holes and a total score of 3,143.

Card of course table showing hole-by-hole scores and a total score of 3,143.

Mrs Head could challenge for English title

By Peter Ryde

Mrs Elizabeth Head moved into the reckoning at Sunningdale yesterday when she defeated Mrs Dainton...

the tables on Mrs Barber, who had been up most of the way. In her first round she won the first two holes in four and nearly holding her tee shot to the fourth...

Scottish girls' champion beats international

By Peter Ryde

Maureen Walker, the current Scottish girls' champion and leader of the qualifiers, reached the third round of the Scottish women's golf championship yesterday...

and Annette Linn, were both eliminated in the first match-play round. FIRST ROUND: Miss M. Walker beat Mrs A. C. Stewart...

Motor racing Ickx may drive museum piece in Monaco GP

From John Blundell

From Monte Carlo, May 23—Niki Lauda, who brought Ferrari their first motor racing grand prix victory for two years when he won in Spain last month, has set the pace here today in his first of three practice periods...

his 1973 cars out of retirement for Ronnie Peterson and Jackie Ickx, neither of whom has scored a world championship point in his career...

Mrs Briggs goes into last eight at Ashburnham

By Peter Ryde

Audrey Briggs, the holder, moved into the fourth round of the Welsh women's golf championship yesterday when she defeated Mrs J. Jones...

Easy win for Miss McKenna

By Peter Ryde

Mary McKenna, a Cortis Cup player and twice winner of the title, had an easy first round win in the Ladies' Golf Club competition at Ashburnham yesterday...

Rugby Union Coach pleased with the Lions' forward play

By Peter Ryde

Cape Town, May 23—A controlled game with a lot of constructive play manoeuvres was the key to the British Lions' 33-6 victory over Boland yesterday...

South African Rugby Board, is optimistic about the outcome of the series. The Lions lost the game only because of their poor handling...

British Lions: A. R. Irvine; W. C. Steele; R. T. Bergiers; G. W. Evans; C. Rees; P. Bennett; C. O. Edwards (captain); I. MacLachlan; K. W. Kennedy; M. A. Burton; G. L. Brown; R. M. Utley; J. F. Slatery; T. M. Davies; S. A. McKinnay—Wentner.

Racing

Kingshott may not be quick enough to cope with Overtown

By Michael Phillips

There will be two English challenges for the Prix de Caen, the French version of our Ascot Gold Cup, at Longchamp on Sunday...

excell in such races as the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Irish Oaks at the Curragh rather than at Epsom...

to win a fifth, at Windsor on May 27th, was beaten two lengths by Our Charlie, to whom he conceded 5lb. On Monday, Our Charlie made it plain that that result was no fluke...

Sunotra has big advantage at the weights

By Jim Snow

Northern Racing Correspondent: Not for a long time has there been a story of instant success in the career of a young horse...

James Young has been implicated in the two races this year, followed by a successful 1973 season. His seven-year-old has been in strongly contested races at the City and Saburba at Epsom and the Turn of the Lands at Newmarket...

I doubt if Lord Nelson can give James Young, but the 11th London Cup, Sunotra, must loom large on his horizon. With 7st 11lb and 5lb off for an experienced stable apprentice...

Haydock Park programme

- 2.15 JUVENILE STAKES (2-y-o: £528: 5f)
2.45 WILLOWS PLATE (3-y-o: £483: 1m)
3.15 JOHN DAVIES HANDICAP (11.6.26: 11m)
3.45 CLUB HANDICAP (3-y-o: £628: 7f)
4.15 WIGAN HANDICAP (1865: 11m 131yds)
4.45 NEWTON PLATE (2-y-o: £483: 5f)

- 2.30 ORPHEUS STAKES (3-y-o: £505: 6f)
3.0 ULTRAMAR HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1281: 7f)
3.30 MENTMORE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £852: 11m)
4.0 AMBITION HANDICAP (1827: 11m)
4.30 REDFERN PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 5f)

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Haydock Park selections

By Our Northern Correspondent: 2.15 GIENNALIN. 2.45 ALAMEIN is specially recommended. 3.15 Sunotra. 3.45 Lady Icarus. 4.15 Pee Mai. 4.45 Welsh Mate.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.45 Milespan Prince. 3.15 Silver Ring. 3.45 Lady Icarus.

By Our Racing Correspondent: 2.0 Lucky So-So. 3.0 Royal Match. 3.30 Redesdale. 4.30 Overtown.

Apprentices ride four winners at Warwick

By Peter Ryde

Sweet Boronia became C Brittain's third winner since Sunday when winning the Sunningdale at Warwick yesterday. Other successes: Pointam in the Thirkil Hunt and a St Leger prospect, Breena, in Nottingham's Ca and Conques Cup.

Piggott leads the way for Longchamp w

By Peter Ryde

Paris, May 23—Lester Piggott leads the way for the 1973 season in the Prix de Chailly, a two-year-old stakes at Longchamp when he won by a length. He was repeated success on the horse at this Saturday for his master, Mr. J. M. de Caumont, who has no winners, seven this season.

Kempton Park programme

- 2.0 WINDSOR PARK PLATE (3-y-o maidens: £414: 1m 3f)
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SPORT

Cricket
Gilliat and Turner both make centuries

By Peter Marson
CHELMSFORD: Hampshire, with six first innings wickets in hand, beat Essex by 153 runs.



Gilliat watches the ball on its way into Smith's gloves to end his innings of 106.

Football

Dry moats recommended at grounds

Spectators at English football matches will not be fenced in, but will be asked to stand in the open air, according to a report by the Football Association.

Rain spoils the contest of the woods and jacks

Northamptonshire started at 12 for one when Steele and Steele had taken the score to 77 in the 31st over, when Steele was caught at the wicket.

Lightning, hail and Procter all strike at Bristol

Lightning and a hail storm lashed the county ground at Bristol yesterday carpeting the entire ground in white.

Market day at the Oval

Surrey County Cricket Club, who were tried pop culture, are now going into the market business.

Second XI competition

Table listing cricket matches between various county second XI teams, including Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire, and others.

Gloucester v Middlesex

Table showing the scorecard for the Gloucester vs Middlesex cricket match, including batting and bowling statistics.

Sussex v Somerset

Table showing the scorecard for the Sussex vs Somerset cricket match.

Boxing
Paul to meet Imrie in London bout

Larry Paul, the undefeated British light-middleweight champion, will meet Tom Imrie (Scotland) in a four-round bout today.

Leicester v Derbyshire

Table showing the scorecard for the Leicester vs Derbyshire cricket match.

Yorkshire v Warwick

Table showing the scorecard for the Yorkshire vs Warwick cricket match.

England captain fails to encourage friendly spirit

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent
Once more, England and Argentina revealed the stark contrast in style, method and technique between the British and the South American sides.

Yachting
Thomas stresses value of early preparation

By John Nicholls
David Thomas, sailing F. Ocker and F. Ralston, Woodroffe's Charrette, won both races for the One Ton class in a local regatta.

Tennis
Miss Wade's patience will be tested

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Julie Haidman, of Exeter, has won four matches without losing a set point against her in reaching the semi-final round of the women's tennis championships.

Today's cricket

Table listing today's cricket matches across various counties, including Northamptonshire, Gloucestershire, and others.

Women's doubles

Julie Haidman, modestly ignored her own controlled guile who got me where I am.

Men's singles

Controlled guile, Julie Haidman, who is winning eight successive games for the match, she had only four forehands in which she served four double faults.

Women's singles

Miss Wade's patience will be tested as she faces Julie Haidman in the Davis Cup competition.

Men's doubles

Miss Wade's patience will be tested as she faces Julie Haidman in the Davis Cup competition.

Lancs v Glamorgan

Table showing the scorecard for the Lancashire vs Glamorgan cricket match.

Surrey v Worcester

Table showing the scorecard for the Surrey vs Worcester cricket match.

Science report
Genetics: Breeding rats to win competitions

Selective breeding can not only produce animals with different physical attributes, it can also produce animals that behave in a certain way.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA AND BALLET

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Seafarers

The Last Detail (x) Columbia, Shaftesbury Avenue... The Dove (a) ABC, Shaftesbury Avenue... Callan (a) Universal... Busting (x)/ I Escaped from Devil's Island (x) London Pavilion, Cincuenta and New Victoria



Kerrison Cooke

Return of a scandal

Parade Coliseum... John Percival... Jenifa Covent Garden... William Mann... Alan Coren... Bodywork Hampstead... Charles Lewsen... The TV Times responsible for trapping me into Wednesday's mindless dramatic fangangle...

"The general obscenity and blasphemy of shipboard life have gone almost unrecorded," wrote Herman Wouk rather privately in his introduction to The Line of Duty 20 odd years ago. "This good-bumoured Billingsgate is largely monotonous and not significant, mere verbal punctuation of a sort, and its appearance in print annoys some readers."

Ordered to escort the hapless lad on the five-day journey from a naval base in Virginia to the Brig in New Hampshire are two booted, long-service petty officers, one the rough, explosive Billy "Bad-Ass" Badinsky (Jack Nicholson), the other a cautious black Southerner (Ots Young) who has found a home in the navy. Wouk rather assigns them to give him a good time on the way. As they pass along the frozen eastern seaboard stopping at Washington, New York and Boston, they visit the boy's deserted home, take him to a brothel to relieve him of his virginity, get drunk in hotels, fight, picnic in the snow on a deserted common...

Both Paul Clarke in the title part of Witch Boy and David Long as the preacher adopt make-up far more sinister than is needed, but otherwise fine, and Patricia Rugeley makes an aptly lustful Barbara Allan. This horse was intended to carry another of the cubist "managers" who announce the various turns, but his superstructure fell off at the dress rehearsal in 1917 and was never replaced.

ACADEMY CINEMA TWO... GHAUD GHAUD... NADA (x) "Ghabrol at his best" SUNDAY TELEGRAPH "A brilliantly executed movie... outstanding performances" GUARDIAN "A trap that bites... The police scenes are scathingly good" EVENING STANDARD "Intensely exciting" EVENING NEWS "Narrated with ferocious speed and clarity" SUNDAY TIMES

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Do probation officers have a right to shield clients?

The dilemma of the probation officer with a loyalty divided between his client and the courts has been highlighted by the case this week of a battered baby, in which the probation officer concerned claimed the privilege of confidentiality and refused to give evidence.

Mr Justice Shaw, who on Monday sentenced Mrs Brenda Godfrey to three years' probation for the manslaughter of her daughter, Lisa, asked that an inquiry be made into the reasons for the silence of Mrs Margaret Bellville, the probation officer, who had been responsible for the supervision of Mrs Godfrey at the time of the baby's death.

Commenting on Mrs Bellville's claim to a privilege of silence on matters which had taken place between herself and her client, Mr Justice Shaw said: "The sooner she is disabused of the idea that she, or any person under her care, is entitled to claim such a privilege the better."

"The sooner she decides it is her duty to convey to the responsible authorities what she discovers as to the conduct of a person on probation in relation to a child, the more likely it is that tragedies of this kind will become fewer."

The judge said he would not necessarily criticize the handling of the case, but it seemed that something fell short of what there might have been.

No hard and fast rules exist on what a probation officer should tell the courts or the police. The individual officer has usually to treat each case as he thinks fit. The one clear directive in the probation service handbook is that an officer must give evidence to the police if a murder is involved.

A probation officer legally is not more and no less duty bound to report a crime than any other member of the public. Until a few years ago misprision (concealment of a felony) was an offence. Now only misprision of treason remains on the statute book.

Probation officers often turn a blind eye to minor offences by the person under their supervision. Mr Donald Bell, general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers (Napo), sees the role of the probation officer as half-way between that of a social worker and a policeman. Each probation officer has to work out for himself how he is going to define that role, he says.

He cited the case of a probation officer who was told by the offender he was supervising that he had stolen a car. The probation officer, instead of going straight to the police, persuaded the offender, after much discussion, to tell him where the car keys had been hidden. The officer went to the place where the car was, stopped a passing panda car, and gave the police the keys, telling them that the car had been stolen and was being returned. The matter went no farther.

Mr Clive Soley, a probation officer and press officer for the Inner London Napo says that if the probation service is to work successfully "we must put a very, very great emphasis on the confidentiality of the officer and his client. Unless the officer is able to gain the full confidence and trust of the client, he will not be able to change the behaviour of the offender, not only the offender, but society too, will suffer."

Mr William Beaumont, of the Napo Action Group, an informal group which produces the magazine *Praxis*, believes

that most probation officers will try to get their client to confess to the police rather than report his misdeeds. It is not out of the question that in some cases he would be very reluctant to inform on clients, especially behind their backs.

The situation became especially vexed where a probation officer suspected strongly that an offence had been committed but did not have any proof. "A chap might come to you and say 'Look at my new watch' and you'd say 'I don't know the money to buy one. You don't know enough to tell the police. My personal line would be to try to get him to own up himself', he said.

Some probation officers take this line even in quite serious cases. One officer, who preferred to remain anonymous, said one of his clients had come to him while on the run from the police. He was wanted for having been involved in a bottle fight in which his opponent had nearly died. The probation officer decided not to tell the police, but after months of discussion he finally persuaded the man to give himself up.

The man is now serving a long sentence in prison. To have turned him in immediately, the probation officer insists, would have broken the good relationship that he had built up. Now that relationship continues and he is able to go on helping the man while in prison. Every probation officer, he says, could tell a similar tale.

Hear, hear... those are my sentiments exactly

Bernard Levin

Mr Fulbright and the Arkansas game of musical chairs

More than half a million dollars is currently being poured into Arkansas politics, the extraordinary sum for what is an under-populated state and one of the poorest in the union. It is even more extraordinary that most of it is coming from bankers as well as liberals in an effort to save Senator William Fulbright in next Tuesday's primary.

The illustrious Democrat's Senate seat is in jeopardy after 30 years, and with it his chairmanship of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. But many more dominoes could fall, or at least be shifted, if he loses. Hence all the money; hence a story of political musical chairs that to observers is at last providing a distraction from Watergate.

It all comes about because Senator Fulbright is up for reelection this year. His is a safe Democratic seat. But unlike the way some British party straws may go on for ever, it is not his to keep. The primary election system forces party voters to elect their candidate and ensures each sitting member a challenge inside his own party. The winner goes forward to a "secondary" election against other party candidates at the general election.

This time everyone agrees that Mr Fulbright, aged 69, is up against it. His challenger, Mr Dale Bumpers, the eloquent 48-year-old governor, is running a vigorous campaign. His message: it is time young bucks were in. Reports of local polls place him well ahead of Mr Fulbright.

This prospect has rallied bankers to Mr Fulbright's aid. Not because they like him; it is not that they are young bucks who might happen to the chairmanship of the Senate Banking Committee. There is a corresponding panic among the foreign policy barons of the State Department and White House at what might happen to the chair of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator John Sparkman, conservative Old Democrat of Alabama is chairman of the Banking Committee. He is also number two to Mr Fulbright on the Foreign Relations Committee.



Seniority works automatically, so if he wants it—and rumor has it that Mr Sparkman would like to serve out his time with the prestige of international dealings—he could have the Foreign Relations post.

In that event, the number two on the Banking Committee, Senator William Proxmire, would move into that chair. It is this prospect that scares the bankers. Mr Proxmire, a noted foe of wasteful spending, particularly at the Pentagon, could be expected to breathe new life into regulatory agencies controlling the banking community.

By contrast, the foreign policy-makers would be happy with Mr Sparkman whom they feel would be a tonic after Mr Fulbright's occasional recalcitrance. They also see Mr Proxmire as a man who would be good for bankers.

However, assuming that Mr Fulbright is defeated and that Mr Sparkman stays put in the bankers' chair, what then? Next in line for the Foreign Relations job would be Senator Mike Mansfield, the majority leader. He would have to give up the

leadership to the chairman, and his quixotic notions of foreign policy—pulling out troops from Europe—and praising Prince Sihanouk to the skies—would be a further worry to the policy makers.

Yet they concede it would be even worse were Mr Mansfield to hold on to the leadership (which is likely) and pass the chairmanship down the line to the next most senior member, Senator Frank Church of Idaho. Mr Church, also up for reelection this year, is an unusual liberal in a heavily conservative State. But in this year of Watergate he is expected to win easily.

On Wednesday morning some of these "nightmares" will be resolved into reality or fancy. Mr Fulbright, whose name will live long for the post-war generation both for the Fulbright scholarships and his opposition to the Vietnam war, may yet spring a surprise. All the dominoes might then stay in place, but few in Arkansas seem to be putting any money on it.

Fred Emery

Venice, the romantic city of industrial development

Signor Giorgio Longo, the Mayor of Venice, resents the foreign press. He believes that he is misunderstood and much maligned. Certainly he is misunderstood. Whatever happens in the murky corridors of the bureaucracy in Rome and Venice, one thing is clear. The mayor is a romantic, but not only about the Venice of Canaletto.

The port was here before the palaces, he said in the evening over dinner in the Lido. "The port must continue."

His eyes gleamed through the heavy horn-rimmed spectacles. He was obviously carried away by a private vision of Venice rivaling Rotterdam as Europe's greatest port. Already it handles 70,000-ton tankers, for which a new channel has been dredged, and plans are afoot to double the size of the existing port and industrial areas.

Signor Longo exuded excitement at the thought of a new autostrada connecting Venice with Munich. It would reduce travelling time between the two cities to less than four hours, and would obviously attract more goods traffic as well as tourists.

But he added bitterly, the conservatives were objecting simply because the autostrada would ruin some pretty countryside. If they had their way, the road would terminate in Yugoslavia, and a great deal of traffic would be lost to the free world.

Then he brightened at the thought of the reopening of the Suez Canal. Venice was the natural port for trade to the Middle East and beyond. Peace in the Middle East would bring boom conditions to Venice.

Earlier that day I had visited the Venice where few tourists venture, the port and industrial plants at Marghera. There a port official had pointed with pride to the wharves and the jetty for the roll-on and roll-off trucks.

The juggernauts would come roaring down that new autostrada from Munich, roll straight on to the waiting transports and from there to Benghazi, Alexandria, Cairo, Suez, Jidda, Aden, Mogadiscio and Zanzibar. Goods could be delivered from Italy,

The petro-chemical plant does look beautiful in a certain light and at a distance but, and this is a big but, it does pollute the atmosphere.

and at a distance, but, and is a very large but, it pollute the atmosphere. They do not build palaces more.

But put this to the mayor, he naturally agreed that Venice must be saved. He was, after all, a Venetian, and not a tourist. He was now cooperating, the international campaign to restore those splendours, one condition was that restored palaces should serve a useful purpose. They should live.

He was alive to the challenge of saving Venice from silt into the lagoon, although I could be done at present. Leveling of the oceans was everywhere. Nothing could be done to prevent the inrush of the ocean but the level of the water table could be served. This was being done.

It was suggested that Venice be flooded from time to time because the marshes which absorbed the encroaching sea like a sponge were now frozen upon. Concrete jetties and sidings could not absorb water.

This he denied. It had been proved, and in any case the new oil channel provides escape for flood water. denial was not persuasive, other guests were more concerned about the silt on the port and industrial area. This could only double the danger, real and assumed, to threaten Venice.

The mayor's eyes added darkened. The foreign press no longer the main enemy. Apparent planning permits had been delayed. For innumerable meetings of various authorities had not held.

There was a general muttering round the table about Italy's industrial planning. Perhaps alleged inefficiency would save Venice. It could, but I would despair upon it. The fore press and other interest groups must remain as vigilant as ever, even if it does mean that some of the Venetian remains a misunderstood maligned man.

Louis Her

The Times Diary

Rolling down the warm, green grass

The message was that mail is a better advertising medium than newspapers or television.

I told one of the Post Office people that it seemed odd to be advertising for post customers for the postal service, when it seemed to be on the verge of collapse in London, where letters take several days to arrive.

That, he said, was due to unofficial industrial action during which London depots and no affect mail posted in the provinces where much direct mail advertising originates.

It was a funny and well-made film, but I can hardly be expected to enthuse over it, seeing how it knocked the rival media. People tended to hang curtains during television commercials, it said, and nobody read the advertisements in *The Times*, which they bought simply for the crossword. In fact, it is scientifically proven that the feature which attracts most people to *The Times* is... modesty forbids.

No pictures

What used to be the Fulton publishing empire launched a new enterprise yesterday. Peregrine Worsthorpe, the editorial director of Sir Edward Holt's new quarterly *International Review*, thought it was appropriate that the ceremony took place in the Marie Antoinette room of the Ritz.

Certainly the first issue has a traditional and dated format. It looks like the house magazine of one of the staidest banks and contains a condemnation of the

Can we handle modern medicines?

A high street chemist describes doctors' prescribing habits as "diabolical".

A Scottish professor regards the manner in which old people attempt to dose themselves with the many pills they are commonly prescribed as "a kind of pharmacological Russian roulette".

Britain's elaborate new Medicines Act prescribes rigid controls over the proving, manufacture, promotion and marketing of all substances designed for the treatment of disease, but does nothing to ensure their safe and rational use after sale.

The pharmaceutical industry is blamed for exploiting the weaknesses of the medical profession and the pill-swallowing public for the sake of profit, but how far should responsibility for the proper handling of drugs be laid at the door of the people who make them? This week in *New Scientist*, Dr Donald Gould puts the medicines scene in perspective.

Also this week: a new niche for hovercraft: earthworms, crows, vibrations, and motorways; and how children learn to talk.

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Thunderer

Basil Dean began telling us what to do when he wrote first play in 1908 and found had to direct it as well. He 19 then, so it was a man in mid-eighties who had a he welcome when he made a prize after-lunch speech du the conference of the Cou of Rehearsal Theatre.

"He looks a gentle old man," said a young executu the Thorndike Theatre. He hosted the conference. App hested can be deceptive, thv Dean's speech, which pl have with the confidence t table, revealed advice to the directors with a keen thurs the new National Theatre.

"Don't be misled," thundered, "by that elect palace now being built on South Bank of the Thames for your own theatre." He down to general applause an approving smile from datagee, sitting next thim

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a Special Report

Three communities' mood of cooperation augurs well

by Roger Berthoud

Belgian governments come and go roughly every 18 months, but so far the country remains prosperous and, or all its internal divisions, remarkably stable. The main threats at the moment are inflation and the progressive decline of the European community.

The new Government of Mr Leo Tindemans wants Belgium to return to the orbit of the European community. As for the EC, no member state, except possibly Holland, would suffer more if the protectionist barriers were to be removed than Belgium. Self-interest naturally and rightly lies at the heart of Belgium's enthusiasm for European unity.

On the domestic political front there are signs of a marked turn for the better in relations between the three communities contained in Dutch-speaking Flanders, French-speaking Wallonia, and bilingual Brussels.

Quite unexpectedly, the general election of March 10, which seemed to change little, has led to an unprecedented degree of cooperation between the "Federalist" parties from the three communities, the Volksunie,

the Rassemblement Wallon and the Front Démocratique des Francophones, on the one hand, and two of the traditional parties, the Social Christians and the Liberals, on the other.

The Federalists, with their militant agitation for regional autonomy, were previously considered to be beyond the pale. Mr Tindemans has helped them to become respectable.

We now have a remarkable situation in which the Federalists are maintaining in existence the minority coalition of Social Christians and Liberals which Mr Tindemans formed on April 22. Technically in opposition alongside the Socialists and Communists, the Federalists have in fact been abstaining. Earlier they came near to joining the Government.

The unprecedented negotiations at the castle of Steenokkerzeel on April 20 broke down eventually—but not before the Federalists had shown an extremely encouraging degree of flexibility. Even the subject of the future geographical limits of the Brussels zone, restricted in 1962 to 19 bilingual communities and six more with French-language facilities, has been broached. An engagement of this kind is expected to bring in one or more of the Federalist parties.

It is still seen as a possibility. Yet one should not expect Mr Tindemans necessarily to live up immediately to the reputation built for him by the recent election campaign. With this man, things will change. The posters of the Flemish Social Christians shouted. The perennial problems of Belgium remain intractable, and some cannot be solved until the Government has the two-thirds majority in Parliament necessary for constitutional changes.

Knottiest of all is the problem of the composition and powers of the proposed regional councils. The idea is that they should have some of the same autonomy in the economic field as the cultural councils, composed simply of the parliamentary deputies of the French and Dutch-speaking communities, already have in the cultural field.

Mr Tindemans believes that the regional councils should be added to the existing institutional framework, provincial councils and Parliament. Instead, the regional councils should replace the provincial councils. He also believes they must have their own revenue. This would give them genuine freedom and avoid clashes with Parliament but it would involve the unpopular transfer of tax.

Among other hardy annuals is the schools problem. The Socialists want mixed schools to replace the existing pattern of state and Roman Catholic schools as soon as possible. The Socialists also resent the fact that whereas Catholic schools receive subsidies on a per capita basis and have great freedom in spending the state's money, the spending of state schools is rigidly controlled.

Then there is the problem of reforming the law on abortion—unpopular in the Catholic and conservative north, popular in the socialist-inclined francophone south; and the whole creation of state enterprises, where the Government's programme has gone some way towards the Socialist's demands, notably in the energy sector.

It was precisely over the Franco project—the setting up of a Belgo-Iranian oil refinery near Liège—that Mr Leburto's coalition of Socialists, Social Christians and Liberals fell on January 13.

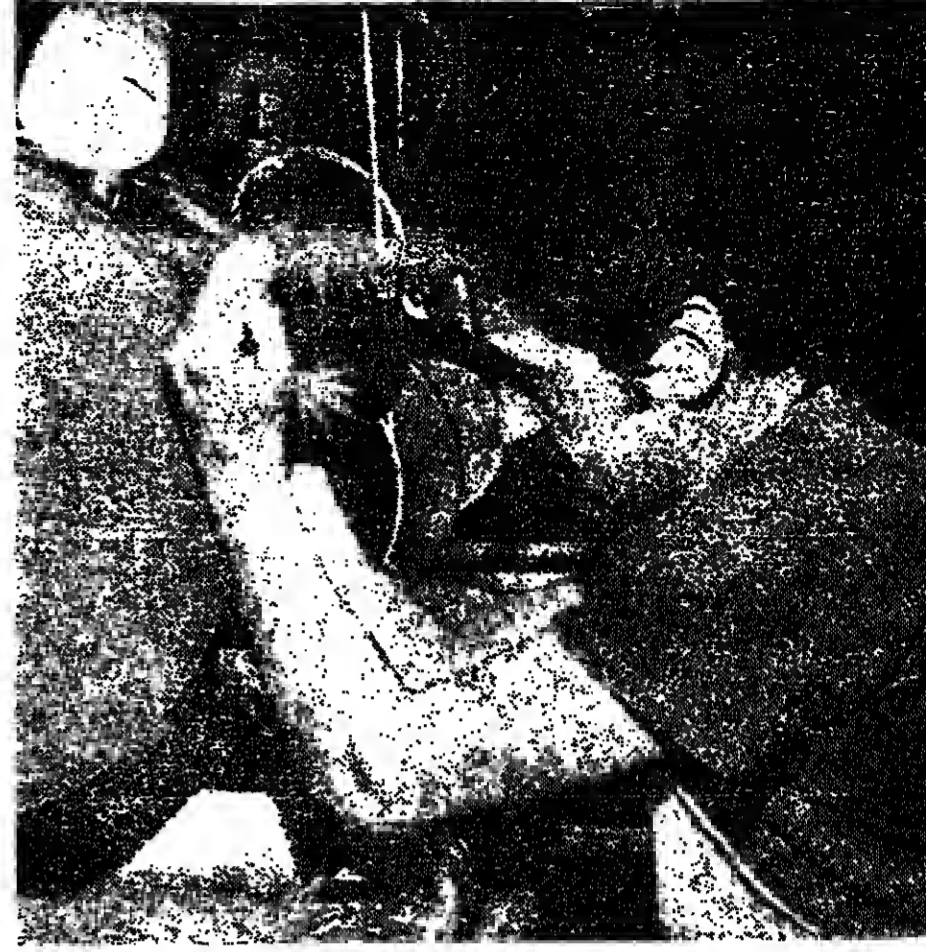
The project was dear to the Socialists, whose main support lies in Wallonia. But the Flemish Social Christians and Liberals were sceptical of its commercial and ideological merits, and the Iranians cancelled it after endless prevarications in the deeply

divided Belgian Cabinet. The Prime Minister and eight Socialist ministers thereupon resigned. A general election seemed the only way out.

The passing of the cumbersome and ineffective Leburto Government went unlamented. Greater hopes attach to Mr Tindemans. Not just the hopes of Belgians but of foreign residents too. There are many temporary Brusselsians who believe his government could do a good deal for the good name of Belgium.

As every opinion poll makes clear, the reputation of Belgium stands low among fellow Europeans. Why is this so? Possibly it is not because of the old linguistic squabbles, the lamentable driving the preoccupation with comfort and other more less justified claims. It is more perhaps because of the deplorable appearance of Brussels, suffering at the hands of inthoughtless property developers.

Looking up from the old town towards the central railway station and the Westbury Hotel, looking at the Manhattan Centre or the ITT tower, or at the destruction of the pretty squares behind the Avenue des Arts, the visitor easily concludes that in Belgium money reigns supreme—with full official blessing. Belgium deserves a better name, and Mr Tindemans can help to give it one.



Cutting crystal at Val St Lambert, one of the country's traditional industries.

More positive leadership and firm decisions needed to clear economic hurdles

by David Cross

Government or no government, the Belgian economy has marched resolutely forward in the past few years. Friendliness towards foreign investors and an export drive helped by the worldwide economic boom of the past decade have been sufficient to ensure prosperity despite the weak economic direction provided by a succession of shaky coalitions.

But it has become clear during recent weeks that a more positive political leadership will be required in the future to steer the country safely through the uncertainties of inflation and a predicted slackening in the rate of economic expansion.

One of the first signs of a possible end to the customary Belgian method of resorting to compromise,

which has effectively meant continually putting off decisions in the hope that any given problem will finally disappear, appeared as a result of the energy crisis.

After successfully overcoming the initial Arab boycott, the country's oil supplies virtually came to a halt in a price dispute between the Government and the international oil companies. The inability of the caretaker Government, which has run the country for most of the first part of this year, to reach a swift decision was at the root of the trouble.

With prices threatening to rise by at least 10 per cent (inflation could be as high as 15 per cent if the increases recorded in the first months of the year are repeated throughout 1974) and fears of a further spread of unemployment, some firm decisions will have to be

taken fairly quickly. The general public, at least, have taken to heart the economic threats confronting the country. Recent opinion polls have shown that concern about inflation and unemployment is their primary preoccupation. Political leaders, too, have voiced their disquiet on more than one occasion. But it remains to be seen whether the recently appointed minority government of Social Christians and Liberals under the leadership of Mr Leo Tindemans, the Prime Minister, will have sufficient strength to put into force some of the more unpopular economic decisions required.

Compared with the economic problems of several of the member states of the European Community, however, those facing Belgium are by no means dire. The impact of the past couple of

years, when the country enjoyed a healthy balance of payments and a high level of industrial activity, will continue to have beneficial repercussions for the next few months at least.

The country's structural surplus on current account, as a recent study carried out by the Banque de Bruxelles points out, dates from the beginning of the 1970s, when exports began to surge ahead of imports. The growth of exports was directly related to the high level of industrial investment carried out in Belgium since the early 1960s, which resulted in setting up a wide variety of technologically advanced units.

Last year's boom figures speak for themselves. The balance of payments of the Belgo-Luxembourg economic union showed a record surplus of 36,800m Belgian

francs (about £368m). This was due to a high surplus on current account, a deficit on capital account standing at about half the 1972 level and a stable inflow of unidentified funds.

Exports, nearly 70 per cent of which are absorbed by other member states of the EEC, rose by 22.2 per cent to total 868,000m francs last year. At the same time imports increased by 24.8 per cent to a total value of 831,000m francs.

Both exports and imports were helped by the accession of Britain, Denmark and the Republic of Ireland to the Community at the beginning of last year. In the case of trade with Britain, Belgian imports rose more than exports to give a balance in Britain's favour of some 15,000m francs (about £15bn).

Industrial activity, which

reached a peak during the last quarter of 1972, slackened slightly last year, but was still increasing at a respectable high level. The industrial production index rose by 5.6 per cent during the year, with leading export industries like chemicals and steel products paving the way. This compared with an average rise of 6.4 per cent for 1972 and with a 10 per cent increase during the last quarter of that year.

Investment, too, was at a high level, increasing by about 10 per cent in both the private and the public sectors.

The situation on the prices and incomes front, where stability has in the past been one of the main reasons for Belgium's competitiveness abroad, was not as bright last year. Prices rose by some 7.5 per cent, considerably more than during 1972,

with wage costs, at 8 per cent, slightly ahead of consumer price increases. But Belgium's inflation rate was still well below those of most other EEC countries, rose by 7.4 per cent of West Germany, and the 7.9 per cent of The Netherlands.

Because of the structural surplus the increased cost of oil imports should pose no insuperable problems for Belgium's balance of payments. According to recent estimates of the Banque de Bruxelles, the direct and indirect effects of the rise in oil prices will result in a deterioration in the trade balance of between 20,000m and 40,000m francs this year.

Thus, if the current account surplus will be much reduced, it is unlikely to be transformed into a deficit, and indeed a surplus of some 10,000m francs may

well remain", the bank predicts.

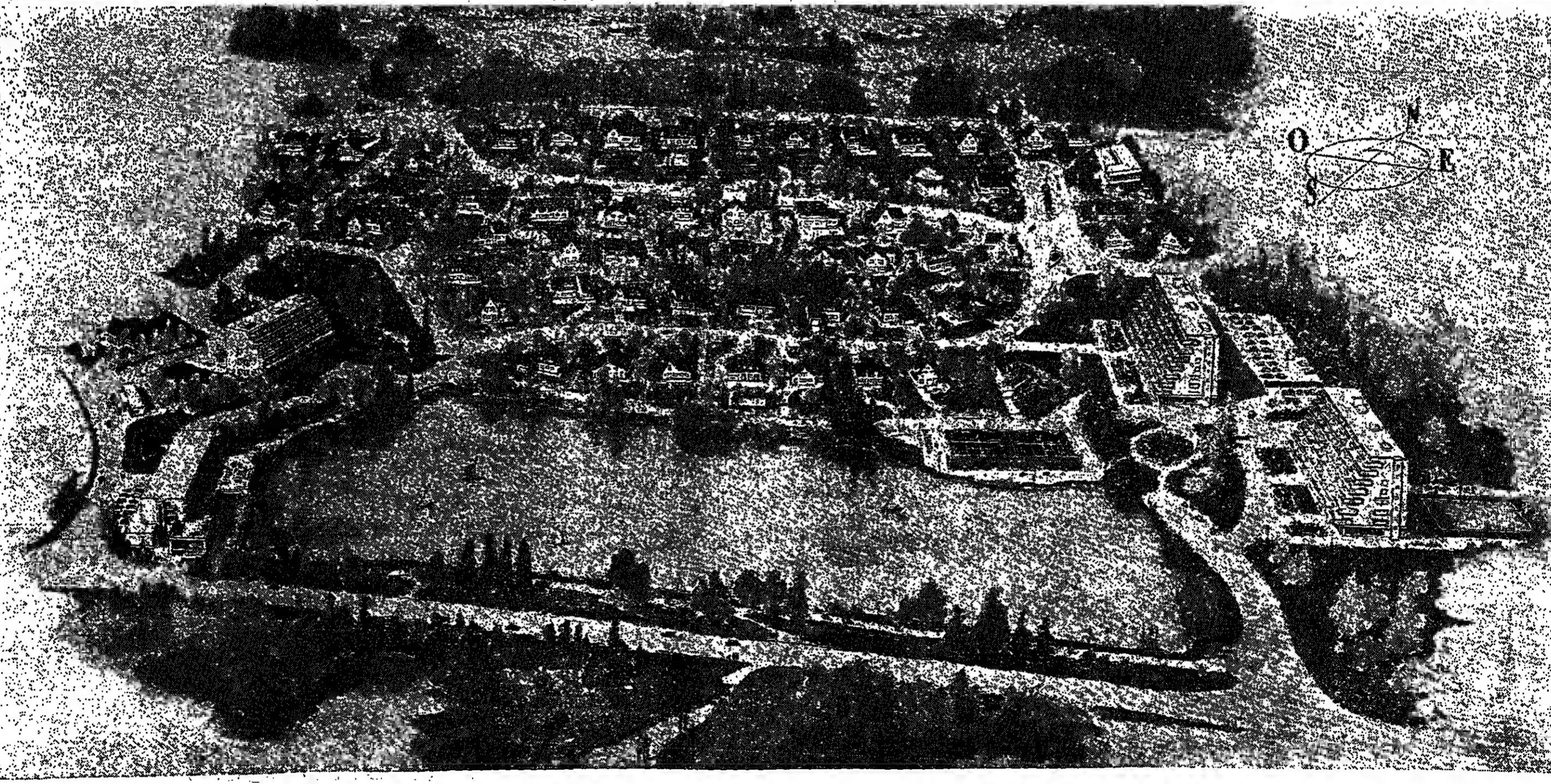
However, as the European Commission pointed out in its latest quarterly report on the economic situation in the EEC, the slackening of world demand and the rise in import prices resulting from the oil crisis is bound to affect economic growth this year. Forecasts of a growth in gross national product of between 3 and 4 per cent, while more optimistic than earlier predictions of zero growth, are lower than the 6 per cent increase in 1973 and the 5.4 per cent rise in 1972.

But for both the Commission and the Banque de Bruxelles one of the main problems confronting the Belgian economy is the persistent upward price-wage movements on additional expenditure. If this continues as higher oil prices work their

way through to the ordinary retail prices of a wide range of goods (wage increases directly linked to the retail price index in Belgium), could, according to the bank, jeopardize the otherwise stable outlook for the Belgian franc.

To avert this danger the Commission suggests active price policy, combined with moves to persuade trade unions to moderate their claims for higher wages.

Other courses of action recommended by the Commission include the maintenance of the current level of activity during the coming months, while taking care to maintain it below its productive potential. In the budgetary sector it suggests restrictions on additional expenditure and reallocation of new investments in energy.



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Limburg: rural region wants its mines

by Margot Lyon

Will the Campine coalmines stay open, or will they not? That is the burning question in the Limburg province, where mining still dominates despite the recent rapid progress in setting up other industries. Until the 1920s this Flemish region lived rooted in its rural Catholic traditions, a beautiful backwater from the heath and scrub of its north to the cherry and apple orchards of Salm Truiden in the south.

Genk, a few miles from the provincial capital, Hasselt, was a moorland village until its coal was exploited after the First World War. In 1974 Genk has 60,000 inhabitants, a third of whom are immigrant miners and their families. Surprisingly much of it is still quite beautiful. The miners' houses round the Waterschei and Waterschei pits form almost a garden suburb—utterly different from the Coronation Streets of South Lancashire or of Belgium's southern coalfields around Liège and Mons.

The Campine (Kempen in Flemish Dutch) has seven mines that produce high-grade coking coal and power-station "nutty". But they are deep, the plant is new outworn and production is uneconomic. Already by 1989 the European Coal and Steel Community was putting pressure on Belgium to place out the mines for eventual closure. Since then all the big collieries of the Walloon south have closed, but the Campine still produces about 15 per cent of the country's energy needs. For the rest, Belgium imports Polish and American coal,

Middle-East oil and Dutch natural gas.

Home production could not continue without heavy government subsidies. Two of the Genk mines closed in the 1960s against an outcry that led to strikes, violence and the loss of two lives. In 1967 the five remaining mines fused ownership into the Kempensteenkolenmijnen company, which is nominally private but virtually nationalized by subsidy. Last year state subsidies totalled 3,969m Belgian francs for 6,500,000 tons of coal mined by 6,766 Belgians and 6,400 immigrants working underground, and 4,368 (almost all Belgians) at the surface.

Over the years the miners have won exceedingly good returns for their dangerous and dirty jobs. They have a mass of benefits that includes not only generous social security and sick pay, cheap coal and subsidized rents, but extra holidays, free travel for their families, mortgage interests of 1 per cent, pensions after 27 years, and more. No wonder they insist that the five mines should not close. They claim that another 25 years' reserves still exist, though nobody questions that the coal will cost more every year to exploit.

An official of the Socialist Mineworkers' Federation told me that because of inflation the miners will expect new wage increases up to 10 per cent. He acknowledged that this might bring subsidies to the point where the state could no longer pay. "The great question now," he said, "is whether the Government attaches more importance to coal costs or to security of supply, now that we have entered a

period of world uncertainty."

Last September the Minister for Economic Affairs proposed that all the Walloon mines should close by 1980 and that the Campine should last production to three million tons a year from its two best pits, Zolder and Waterschei. During the winter oil crisis the project was shelved, but the latest signs are that it is the worst of the energy crisis is indeed over—the closure policy will continue, though more slowly.

In the meantime the mines are forbidden to take on new men, and the younger men are encouraged to transfer voluntarily to other jobs. Unemployment benefits during retaining periods are fixed at 100 per cent of pay for the first four months and 80 per cent for the next four. Immigrant miners get the same rates of pay, by the miners' own insistence.

Some of the Italians and Spaniards who came between the wars have now settled in Limburg. The Turks, Moroccans, and Greeks who form most of the present foreign work force usually aim to earn as much as possible and go back home. But the province provides an admirable service for their families if they bring them: it includes housing, child care, interpreters, mosques with the imam doubling as school teacher, and even televised lessons in Dutch.

What are the prospects for an ex-miner, or for the young Limburg people looking for jobs? This is the problem that the state, the province and the towns have made an all-out effort to

give over the past decade—scattered on by the fact that Limburg's population growth has stood at 15 per cent higher than any other Belgian province. This high rate has now eased off a little but until 1980, 6,000 young people a year are likely to come on to the labour market.

Some of them attend the excellent technical schools that now teach a wide range of skills such as electronics, chemical subjects, electronics, econometrics, commercial economics and modern languages. Many of them, with greater or lesser skills, will join the thousands who commute daily into Holland, Germany or the Liège region.

For some years neither men nor women will find enough opportunities at home though new industries are growing fast, especially in nine chosen zones where the Government gives maximum aid to suitable firms. Ford of Cologne employs 11,900 men assembling cars at a huge plant near the Albert Canal—which is being deepened for barges up to 3,000 tons. Other multinational firms include Philips, Siemens and Be-Lairt.

International motorways link the province with Maastricht, Eindhoven and Aachen, as well as Brussels. Antwerp and Liège, Limburg has become aware that it is well placed in Europe. Now, it is by no means a backwater. Indeed if industrialization continues at its present speed the province may well need the natural parks it has already wisely reserved. But the success of its intelligent planning inevitably hangs on economic factors outside its control.

West Flanders: youth eager for change

West Flanders is better known for its wide, sandy beaches and for the beauty of Bruges than for its industrial potential. But do not be deceived by the placid charms of the Minnewater or the cud-chewing cows on the flat landscape. The province is on the move, with almost half of its million inhabitants aged under 30 and eager for change.

The province lies a little outside the golden triangle formed by Antwerp, Gent and Brussels, and has not quite shared the enormous rise in prosperity that its neighbours have enjoyed since the early 1960s. Farming lingered as the main occupation, especially in the area of the old battlefields—Ypres (Ieper), Menen, Passendale—known locally as the Westhoek.

Many of the Westhoek people work across the frontier in France, though the numbers have shrunk and they go more unwillingly since the French franc has lost value. Thousands more commute to Antwerp, Gent or Brussels, adding up to three hours of travelling time to each working day. The Westhoek in particular has not offered enough incentives for men to develop and use high skills. Women have trouble finding even onskilled jobs in their home districts and are unwilling to travel long distances.

The picture is by no means all bad. West Flanders has its own golden trio of towns: Bruges, Kortrijk (Courtrai) and Roeselare, all of which are prospering. Indeed if you cross the frontier to Kortrijk from Lille, the contrast between the neat Flemish houses and the griminess of Teurocing and Roubaix makes it hard to see that West Flanders lacks for anything. None the less by 1970 the average net income stood at 42,900 Belgian francs per capita compared with the national average of 47,300. The province has a notably low strike record, but there was a good deal of discontent at the low share of the fat national cake.

Britain's entry into the European Economic Community gave West Flanders hope of being geographically well placed. The province plans to build a new coastal motorway to link with Calais and the future Channel Tunnel. But without waiting for the tunnel or for Britain, other schemes were started. The Government has created new industrial estates eligible for maximum development aid at Ieper, Menen, Poperinge, Veurne (Furnes), Diksmuide, Ostende and Tielt, all except Tielt lying in the Westhoek. These towns lie in areas of high population density, with few local opportunities.

The incentives are generous. They take the form of interest-free or reduced-interest loans, capital grants, exemption from property taxes and registration tax, and accelerated depreciation allowances. There are premiums for the creation of new jobs, and other aid for investments that contribute towards the extension, restructuring or modernisation of existing firms, as well as interest-free advances for new products, new manufacturing processes, and research.

Other regions of Belgium which got off to an earlier start in attracting foreign capital find their efforts give haphazard results which may not best correspond to local need. The West Flemish Economic Council works closely with local authorities to rationalize development schemes. Together they can buy and equip land, and make it available to users by sale or rent.

They are mostly after labour-intensive firms, especially those which are likely to expand. So far they have succeeded in attracting what they want, though they hope for much more. At least the Klippan division of Allied Chemicals has set up a plant to manufacture car safety belts and Autonom, a Dutch firm, makes jams there. Tielt is building a new Erico plastics factory. Setcraft makes wooden chair frames and Imperial Tufting is still a strong concentration



The main square and belfry at Kortrijk, one of the golden trio of prosperous towns in West Flanders.

produce good quality tufted there. The town has great assets as a growth centre, as it is well placed near the E3 motorway. Its huge new shopping centre on the outskirts at Heole Kuarne has bright lights, music and fountains.

Roeselare, only 20 kilometres away, is the third industrial town and like Kortrijk has medium-size traditional industries that are now developing fast. Textiles are important but the town is a centre for food processing, including cattle fodder. Roeselare, Kortrijk and Bruges all have new industrial zones. Though they do not qualify for maximum government aid, they benefit from the move to foster reconversion and development of Belgium's own firms. Most of the new plant in these three zones is Belgian.

Some foreign firms came earlier. Most were American, and they include Hebert Messers Ticking; H. D. Lee of Belgium, for clothing; and Outbeard Marino, which also produces lawnmowers. But much still remains to be done. There is still a strong concentration

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Threat of schools' war is in the air again

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Belgian schools questioned bloody riots in the 50s until a schools pact an end to the conflict in 58. The pact is still in force. Its official renewal is due but arguments over terms of a new pact have lamed some of the old pacts and was one of the reasons for the Government's premature downfall in January.

inevitably the language question is part of the public but at the heart of the matter lies the rivalry between the state and the Catholic schools. Additionally there have been more Catholic than lay schools at every level in Belgium—primary, secondary, teachers' training and technical.

Belgian law gives parents freedom to choose whether their children go to a religious or lay school for their children. Most have always opted for the Catholic schools. Consequently these schools have been subsidized from state funds to a degree that their French Catholic neighbours admire and envy. But in return for funds the state demanded the right to interfere to a degree unacceptable to Catholics. Each side has always been intensely jealous of the other's rights and privileges. The threat of a "schools' war" is in the air again.

The 1958 peace treaty was a complicated patchwork that broadly aimed to equalize the support of all levels of education to church and non-church schools. The two networks remained separate but being organized and financed along almost identical lines. All schooling was to be free up to the age of 18 and all teachers were to be paid the same rates.

The state was required to ensure that a school of the parents' choice existed for all children within a radius of roughly five kilometres from their home. The state was also to provide its own school buildings but not those for Catholic children.

This was not so unfair as it sounds, since a wide network of Catholic schools already existed. Most Catholic teachers were members of religious orders whose salaries were mostly ploughed back into the funds of the order and used to provide buildings and amenities often superior to those at state schools.

The pact achieved social peace though it was expensive. It led to a proliferation of schools, especially new state schools. It also became an instrument of the language war, since every school had to teach solely in the language of its region. If it did not it received no subsidies and its pupils' diplomas were not recognized even if the school followed the correct programme.

The other national tongue could be taught as a foreign language from the fifth year of primary school, about the age of 10. In Flanders this choice is almost unanimously in favour of French, while in Wallonia many parents prefer English or German for their children.

The young French-speakers lose, however, if they want top administrative jobs in Belgium, as increasingly these go to bilingual candidates.

Apart from the language question, there are other complexities. The nine provinces of Belgium and all the towns also have the right to provide schools at any level, with money from provincial taxes or local rates, and a state subsidy. They too are jealous of their autonomy and privileges. Their schools are officially neutral but are in fact Catholic in strongly Catholic areas.

Indeed the strands of Belgian education—Catholic or "free", state or "official", provincial or communal—mean that the 1958 pact led in practice to an enormously involved and expensive structure plagued by duplication, overlapping and lumbering clumsy administration. Into the bargain Brussels has become an important special case as a French-speaker city.

It flowed into the surrounding Flemish communes and have demanded French-language schools for their children.

The system, though complex, is not fluid. It is a barrier for a child educated in Catholic schools to the age of 18 to cross the boundary into a state university and vice versa. As a critic wrote recently in the Brussels Leventy it gives each teacher an ideological label for life according to the diploma he got locally when he was 20. The danger has grown of the country dividing itself and its youth into two ideological camps.

Largely for this reason, the idea of pluralist schools giving both Catholic and lay education under one roof is now being aired, mainly by socialists and a minority of left-wing Catholics. "It is a hope of finding each other beyond our divisions", a Louvain professor told me. "It would stop the present inbreeding, would also rationalize expenditure, but it is seen as a socialist school system and a number of Catholic organizations have come out against the idea, firmly rejecting, in the words of the Confederation of all man-Association of parents to impose a form of single school from above".

However, the Government is committed to modernizing the pact. Over the years the picture has changed. The teaching orders have almost disappeared so that Catholic schools are staffed by laymen and women who take home their full pay. Last year the state allowed Catholic schools to float building loans backed by government guarantees at 1.25 per cent interest, with the rest made up by the state.

There are other major grievances such as the lack of funds for non-teaching staff in Catholic schools. In addition the numbers of children in these schools are falling as Catholic parents have fewer children. As the subsidies are given for each child, this cuts down the schools' resources and leads to unseemly canvassing for recruits.

Left-wingers were disappointed that the pluralist idea made no progress in the recent elections. The Socialists are now in opposition, and the present coalition led by Mr Leo Tindemans, the Flemish Catholic Premier, is a minority Government, probably too insecure to risk bringing up inflammatory issues.

The danger is the school issue might arise just the same because of its intrinsic importance. In the past, governments have bought their way out of social troubles. This time there is less money to spare, but the attractions of economizing are not so strong. Pluralism may be a mirage.

Feminist movement gains growing support

The Napoleonic code that made millions of women on the Continent chattels of their malefolk still leaves its traces in Belgium, though it has evolved more in other European countries. Two other influences have also prevented women from gaining full equality: the conservatism of the Roman Catholic Church and the fact that most Belgian women did not ask for more.

Only a small minority complained of injustice. But in the past few years a movement has grown out of it spontaneous and uncoordinated—that is instant an existing women realize they are underprivileged.

The European Commission agrees that in the economic sector they are—but not more than most other European working women. Article 119 of the Rome Treaty pledges equal pay for equal work, but the Commission acknowledges that job equality is a long way off.

A recent report prepared for the EEC by Professor Elhanan Vegel of Brussels University shows that the typical Belgian working woman is young and married with two children, and is employed in industry in a service job but a comparatively simple task. Two women out of three have had no technical training and the third, who has, is probably in a post below her qualifications.

Differences in wages exist, mostly because jobs are classified unfavourably for women. But only a small percentage of women feel less well treated than men workers. What they care about is a job near home with day surpluses and reasonable working conditions. They usually work to help raise the family's living standards, and seem satisfied if they can combine their household duties reasonably with their jobs. Employers usually work conscientiously and are essentially unambitious and uninterested in what they are doing.

On the other hand 3,000 women workers near Herstal died in a factory near seven years ago. The women established a landmark in the cause of equal pay. Women activists now say trouble starts in schools where girls and boys are reared together, especially in the Roman Catholic schools. Belgium has some of the world's finest technical schools for top jobs in industry, but you do not see girls in them.

Members of the National Federation of Catholic Technical Schools admitted recently that training for girls was often too much oriented towards traditional tasks such as sewing and household management with too little engagement with industry and too few qualified teachers to teach girls new and appropriate skills.

Many of the Catholic schools are now making great efforts to adapt, but the church's traditional view of woman's role has been one of the favourite targets of the women activists. In November 1972, Germaine Greer and Simone de Beauvoir led a great women's rally in Brussels, in which they deplored the Catholic enlightenment. The Roman Catholic Church in Belgium is far less criticized from within than Dutch or French Catholicism, but Louvain University, for example, and the Christian Social Party are now thinking a great deal about social problems, including the woman question.

Inevitably abortion has become one of the most controversial issues. As the law stands therapeutic abortions are permitted only rarely, and abortion is otherwise a crime, for which a doctor risks up to 10 years in prison or 20 years' hard labour. Under legislation to "protect public morality" the authorities have wide and loosely defined powers



Women in Belgium are increasingly exercising their civil rights.

which they have used to discourage information on family planning, and the sale of the pill (used only by seven out of every 10 Belgian women), as well as other forms of contraceptive. For some time doctors who performed abortions without making cash profits enjoyed the indulgence of the courts. Yet in January the last year Dr Willy Pears of Namur was arrested for doing abortions, and elderly obstetricians are quickly led to a crusade for his release and for reform of the abortion law.

This cause célèbre aroused passions which have smouldered since then, and were an acute embarrassment to the Government which fell last January. By that time Parliament was studying two Bills for liberalization of the law, presented by a Socialist and a Communist respectively, and a scheme proposed by Mr Van der Poorten, the Minister of Justice, which the Socialist Christian Party considered too liberal and the Socialists found insufficient.

For the first time women voters in the Christian Social Party spoke out on the issue, asking for more consideration for women seeking abortion—and for the final decision to be left in the woman's hands. The party officially campaigned against reform in favour of the Socialist slogan "a wanted child is a happy child", and the Liberals said much the same.

Women form 53 per cent of the Belgian electorate, but the abortion question does not mark voting patterns, he noted. Women are militant cause, as a "there is no progressive party in Belgium, but a progressive current in all parties". In general Socialism is so far dragging its feet over most women's issues, while the Christian Social Party is becoming more involved, and somewhat more open-minded.

However, the new crusade for women to appear on the scene was the Parti Feministe Unifié which presented itself for the first time. It was founded by women of different backgrounds, one of them, Claire Jourdain, a Catholic mother of six. She stood far Brussels, but did not get elected, which was not surprising as the party had no funds, no radio or television time, and not much help from men. It campaigned only for women's causes, from equal pay to reform of the marriage laws. It urged women who preferred to continue in the traditional parties to learn to vote for a woman on Belgium's long party lists.

The elections are over, but the ferment is likely to continue. Women's movements are appearing all the time, especially among younger married women—or working or luke-warm support from the trade unions. The groups fall roughly into two categories. There are those who want women to share men's power in society through better training, opportunities, pay and freedom to plan their families. Others believe that women's struggle is against oppression and therefore part of the class struggle. They are preparing for the radical cultural transformation of

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Young diplomat drew life from Spaak

by Roger Berthoud

In the Foreign Ministries of the EEC there is, to my knowledge, no single official with quite the same degree of influence and ubiquity as the Vicomte Etienne Davignon, Director-General for Political Affairs at the Belgian Foreign Ministry.

Stevie Davignon, as he is known to his many friends, is no *eminent grise*. That would suggest old age and a preference for the background, which is wholly alien to him. Davignon is still young—only 42 next October. His place is in the centre of the European stage, and he enjoys it.

Indeed, whether he is taking the chair at a meeting of the "Davignon" Committee, composed of political directors of the Nine, or playing chairman and host to the energy group sired by the Washington energy conference in February, it is the relish which he brings to the task that strikes his colleagues. As one remarked: "He is the Eddie Merckx of international diplomacy" [a reference to Belgium's world cycling champion]: a round peg in a round hole.

It is no doubt fortuitous that Belgium was in the chair of the EEC Council of Ministers after the 1969 summit conference at The Hague had called for a report on the first steps that should be taken towards political cooperation in the European Community. The task therefore fell to him.

But it is certainly not fortuitous that the recommendations of the resulting Davignon report have proved so eminently sensible and politically realistic. Common sense was one of the characteristics Davignon admired most in the leader of his professional life—the late Foreign Minister of Belgium and European founding father, Paul-Henri Spaak.

Without Spaak's influence the young Davignon would almost certainly not have remained a diplomat. Although his grandfather had been Belgium's Foreign Minister between 1909 and 1915, and his father ended a distinguished diplomatic career as Ambassador in Berlin from 1936 to 1940, Etienne Davignon felt that the days of genuine diplomacy were nearly over.

But to please his father, of whom he was very fond, the young law graduate of Louvain University, who had been born in Budouost and brought up in Poland, Germany and Switzerland as well as Belgium, agreed to do a trial stint in the Foreign Ministry.

He was soon assigned to keep an eye on the Belgian Congo, then basically covered by the now defunct Colonial Ministry. Shortly afterwards began the precipitate negotiations for Congolese independence. Davignon inevitably became involved. He happened to be in the Congo when independence was granted in 1960. A few days later chaos broke loose. The already indispensable young diplomat stayed on, and found himself working with Robert Rothschild, then deputy head of mission in Leopoldville, now ambassador in London.

When Rothschild subsequently became *chef de cabinet* to Spaak he called in Davignon as a specialist on Congolese problems. Less than three years later Davignon had risen to be head of the Minister's private office at the age of 32. When Spaak left Belgian politics in 1965 he adapted himself smoothly to the very different style of Pierre Harmel. In 1969 he took over as head of the political affairs department, with the rank of ambassador.

To anyone talking to him now it is clear that working for Spaak was the crucial period in his adult life. It was, he says, an extraordinary experience. There was a great deal of affection between the statesman and his amusing as well as brilliant young aide, whose eye for the essential and gift for crisply summing up a complicated situation saved so much tedious paperwork.

Davignon speaks eloquently of the formidable antagonism between de Gaulle and Spaak, Davignon recalled. "Spaak saw him taking the EEC out of the line he had hoped for." Progress had to be made somewhere to stop the whole machine grinding to a halt: the technical aspects of the EEC were the only area, where forward movement was possible. "Spaak saw that it would be very difficult to come back to things which would return Europe to public interest."

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Woman writer is most gifted in French school

by Marnix Gijzen

The fast-changing aspects of social life in the past 50 years have had a deep influence on writing in Flanders. The perennial fascination with rural life, that bamped the growth of Flemish letters until 1920 has been replaced by a more European and cosmopolitan view of the world. American influence has been felt in the work of younger writers who succumbed to the lure of Hemingway's cult of the heroism but who profited by his economical style.

The weakness for dialect and localisms disappeared; the margin between Dutch and Flemish literature diminished to the point of being scarcely noticeable. The subject matter also changed. The idyllic, sugary or slightly comic picture of life in the villages gave way to the psychological study of middle-class and urban society. On the other hand, the voice of the proletariat became audible. An entirely new element is the reflection of the novelists on Belgium's recent colonial past and responsibility.

The grand old man of the generation born before 1900 is undoubtedly Gerard Walchap (born 1898), the most outstanding writer of his time. His numerous novels liberated Flemish letters from narrow provincialism and made him akin to the best Scandinavian story-tellers. Although the scenes of his books is usually located in small towns, the action is essentially centred on man, with sometimes a predilection for slightly abnormal types.

Frankly anti-clerical, he at first created a scandal in Roman Catholic circles which has now completely subsided. The *Roots of the Family* and *Houtkiet* are his outstanding works. They have aged well for he has a vigorous style and is a master raconteur.

The two great novels of Jef Geeraerts (born 1930), *Groenewald* and *II*, as well as several shorter works, are derived from his experiences as a territorial agent in the former Congo. He enjoys physical existence—love and war—with tremendous gusto. His novels are intensely erotic but he avoids vulgarity through a Dionysian lyricism. His torrential style is unique in the Low Countries. To my mind, in Flemish literature, he is a *mao* without par and *facile princeps*.

Johan Daisne (born 1912) and his faithful disciple Hubert Lampo (born 1920),



Georges Simenon, "the Balzac of our age" and creator of Maigret, has never repudiated his Belgian origins.

profess magic-realism, a kind of story-telling in which reality may give way to unbridled fantasy and lyrical imagination. Both achieved excellent results in this vein and several of their works were made into successful films.

L. P. Boon (born 1912) expresses the standpoint of the anarchistic proletariat. He is profuse but commiserates with the humblest among men. He has the rare gift of touching the heart of his readers and of inciting them to social indignation if need to revolt.

A good poet, Hugo Claus (born 1929), is also a novelist of note but above all an experimental playwright whose best plays reach a European audience.

Although the theatrical production of Josef Vao Hoek (born 1922) is sparse, it is significant and durable. Among the younger novelists Ward Ruysliick (born 1929) dominates the scene. A younger writer of definite promise is Jos Vandelo (born 1930). Two poets should be mentioned: Karel Jonckheere (born 1906), an elegant writer of great distinction, and Paul Snoek (born 1933), a delightful literary maverick.

The changing scene has not affected French authors as it did their Flemish counterparts. Their tradition was much more urban and hotelier. One hesitates to claim Henry Michaux (born

1899) as a Belgian since he left the country in 1924 and has been completely absorbed by France. No such reticence should apply to Georges Simenon (born 1900), who has never renegeed on his national roots. It would be pretentious to sing his merits. He is rightly considered as the Balzac of our age. A Balzac without doubt is the entire world. Any further eulogy would be faint praise.

The grand old lady of French letters in Belgium is the nonagearian Marie Geyers (born 1883), whose many novels were acclaimed widely in France, Germany and The Netherlands. Among her more or less naturalistic novels, *Madame Orna* remains a masterpiece.

The most gifted author among French-writing Belgians is Suzanne Lillan (aged about 60). Among her plays *Le Burlador* stands out. She views the eternal seducer Don Juan from the feminine standpoint, with deep understanding and unshamed admiration. It is, however, as an essayist that she acquired a universal reputation.

Her magnum opus is undoubtedly *Le Couple*, a penetrating study of human relationship in which she pleads for the "resacralization" of love. It is a dazzling intellectual and emotional performance. She has written vigorous and superbly intelligent criticism of Sartre

and Simone de Beauvoir. Her man-in-Belgian letters can be called her equal.

Her talented daughter, Françoise Millet-Joris (aged about 40), has become a member of the Goncourt circle. All her novels appeared in American translation. They deal touchingly with her youth in Antwerp and later with her wider experiences in the Paris intellectual underworld.

A lone wolf in Belgian letters is the banker, Daniel Gillès (born 1917). He has written three remarkable biographies: de Tolstoy, Charolais, and D. H. Lawrence. In this field he is a called "a brilliant schoolmaster craftsman." His novels *Jetons de présence* and *Le coupon 44* deal with economic cooperation during the last war. Other novels critical of Belgian farces, *J. Rogin* (born 1921), is ambitious; in his work,

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It is a striking characteristic of French literature in Belgium that most of the significant authors prefer to express themselves through the theatre. The most outstanding and productive is Paul Willems (born 1912),

who has acquired an international audience. His plays are timeless, full of delightful droplets and poetic harmonies. Cloosoo (b. 1901), is a gentle ironic and likes to reduce heroic heroes to human proportions. The best of his works is *Shakespeare ou la comédie de l'écriture*.

Charles Berling (b. 1919), the author of a remarkable novel, is essentially a playwright, a brilliant dramatist, forceful and dramatic. Georges Sion (b. 1913), surprised people by his play *Le Mar d'Enfer*, which Cocteau called "a brilliant schoolmaster exercise". In later works he has developed his talent.

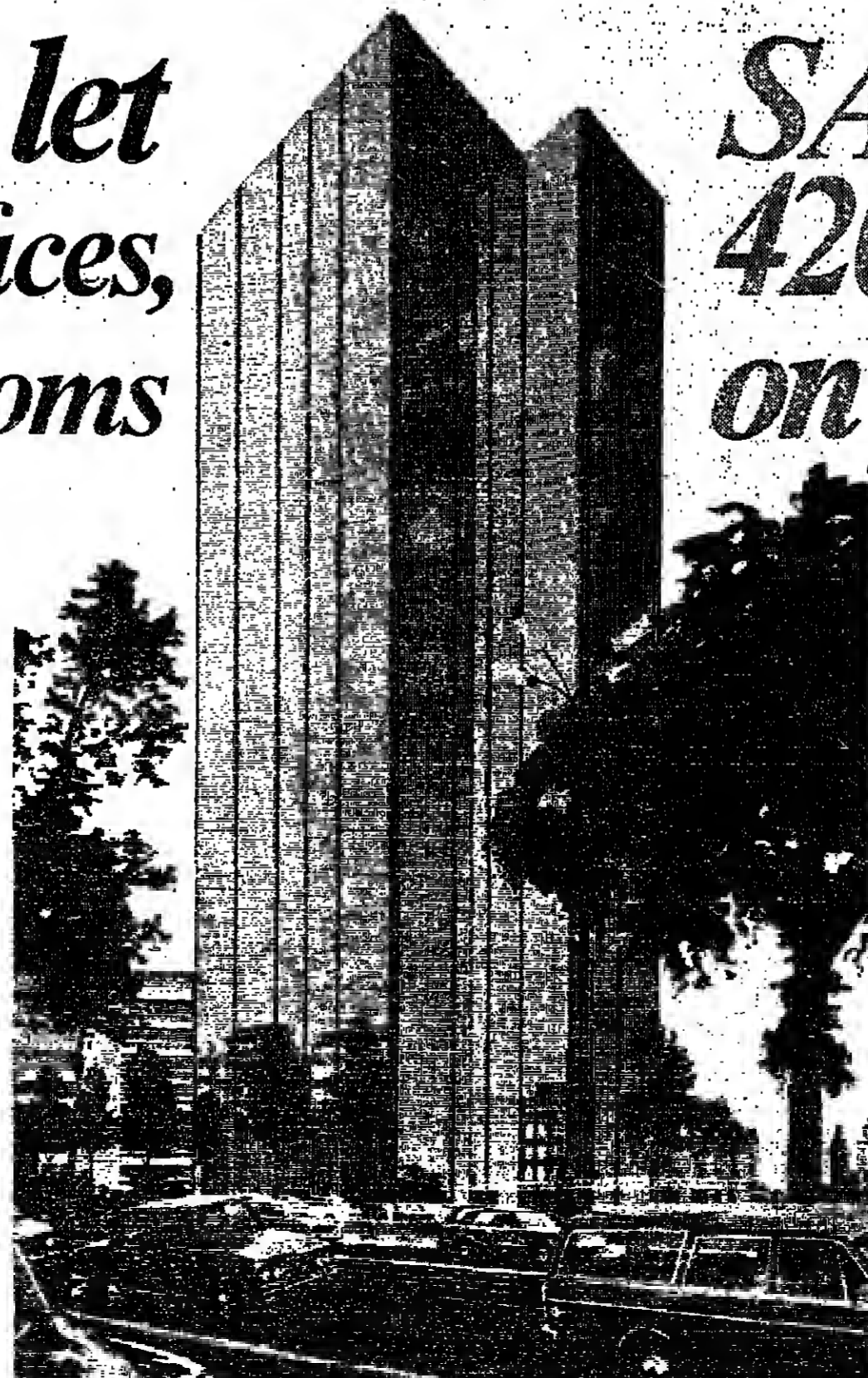
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LOCAL INTERESTS

extremely hard to know just how widespread corruption is in government: the number of criminal prosecutions is a measure not so much of its extent...

so there cannot be anything wrong in it. But while it is essential to draw a distinct line as possible between the proper and the improper, there will still be people who choose quite deliberately to go on the wrong side...

It was to fill this gap in the public defences against corruption in local government that The Times recommended in its evidence to the committee the creation of a local government inspector...

Treatment of young offenders

From Mrs V. A. Limont Sir, The principle of "treating" offenders rather than "punishing" them is desirable, but the recommendation of the Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Penal System that commitment to borstal or detention centre be replaced by an order for custody and control are to be welcomed with caution...

traditional probation duties have been added prison after-care, prison welfare, parole, matrimonial work and responsibility for alternatives to custody such as community service, day training centres and probation hostels.

Effect of British policies in Ulster

From the Reverend R. T. Beckwith Sir, As the situation in Ireland daily grows worse, and civil war gets perceptibly nearer, the events there seem to be viewed by most politicians in England with painful surprise, if not with angry impatience.

partial, and the regular police were disarmed, lest they should be tempted to follow suit (they have, of course, had to be re-armed since). Their duties of keeping the IRA in check were transferred to the British Army, with orders to use the British action which the minority might resent. Even so, the hostility and accusations previously directed at the B Specials and RUC were promptly transferred to the soldiers.

DISMANTLING AN EMPIRE

provisional Portuguese government has lost no time in demonstrating that it is wholly unimpaired in dismantling the Portuguese empire in Africa and Asia elsewhere. Dr Soares has already given the assurance that he will be decolonising and neo-colonialism. That state will seek to rule out a self-federal relationship, such as General Spínola finally suggested—as sugar, it is now, to coat the pill of his nation's that the struggle in Africa could not be won by military means.

referendum in which the population would choose between total independence and some—possibly only an economic—association with Portugal. For such a referendum to be held in a way that carries conviction the fighting must cease; and if Frelimo is so confident of a majority vote for independence, it is logical that it should accept a ceasefire and proceed to political action.

by historical, cultural, and linguistic links. They would also have a time to come to terms with their neighbours, and develop an internal regime that avoids the excesses of black racialism— which a military conquest by Frelimo might not.

Salary levels: a spurious equality

From Mr John E. M. Moore, Conservative MP for Croydon Central Sir, The politics of envy are destroying our country. The economic note in his speech in the House of Commons (May 20) and his egalitarian fellow travellers will beggar us all.

society and economy can be unaffected by them. Particularly is this so at a time when many of the lower income earners are suffering from great financial hardship and the real merits of the work of not a few people are conspicuously under-rewarded.

Stately homes and tax on wealth

From Mr Denis E. Bower Sir, The Duke of Bedford's letter (May 20) regarding the possible plight of stately home owners should be brought home to the politicians before it is too late.

the contents displayed to the public. Special care will have to be taken in the matter of who decides what shall be exempt.

Students and free speech

From Professor J. A. Rax Sir, I happened to be a signatory of the United Nations Expert Declaration on the Nature of Race and Race Prejudice. I am deemed undesirable as an inhabitant or visitor in Rhodesia. I've spent my life fighting racism in Africa and in what were formerly British colonies in Africa.

years in the fight against racialist policies and actions and by their recent actions they have given probably much sought after publicity to racism.

children. There is, unfortunately, no machinery for ensuring that parents actually do so and there is much evidence that in many cases they do not.

Law on euthanasia

From Mr Christopher Price, Labour MP for Lewisham West Sir, Mr Muggersidge's eccentric conviction that a majority Labour government would herald a change in the law on euthanasia seems to be based on a number of erroneous assumptions.

Many of those who worked for the Act were moved by a desire to introduce some equity as between men (who seek the decisions) and women (who were forced to acquiesce in them); and between the rich (who had freedom of action) and the poor (who were not).

Iran and human rights

From Sir Osmond Williams Sir, Laudable as many contributions to your Human Rights Supplement in the issue of the Times of May 22 undoubtedly are, and grateful as Amnesty International is to the references to it which some of them contain, the anomaly of the choice of venue for the Congress has, one must infer, escaped being noted by the national Advertising Association and some, though not all, of those whose articles you publish.

At the same time, I would like to draw your attention to Paul Martin's story from Nabatieh (The Times, May 18), which appeared on the front page under the headline "No Guerrilla base in Camp raided by Israel". The headline is contradicted by the text.

Raid into Lebanon

From the Israeli Ambassador Sir, Referring to your Beirut correspondent's report (The Times, May 20) on Arab allegations that the Israeli planes, dropping terrorist bases in Lebanon, dropped bombs on the town of Beirut, I hereby categorically deny these allegations.

Cornish tinner's Parliament

From Mr Genshon Ellenbogen Sir, One may readily agree with Professor R. R. Pennington (May 22) that "the participants in the Cornish convocation are to be commended on the care they have taken to act within the confines of the law" (certainly their conduct contrasts favourably with that of a Cabinet Minister who in contemptuous terms criticizes a judge for carrying out his legal duty); but in so far as he suggests that their claim to immunity may be valid, he is surely wrong with his tongue in his cheek.



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Major Benjamin Herman, RM, was in attendance.
His Royal Highness, as an Honorary Life Member of the Athenaeum, was present this evening at the 150th Anniversary Dinner of the Club at the Athenaeum, Pall Mall.

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Dinners
The Duke of Edinburgh, who was in the city, proposed the toast of the club, to which Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest replied, at a house dinner held last night to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the club. The Archbishop of York said grace.

Kirk's task
'to fight prophets of sex nihilism'
From Our Correspondent
Edinburgh
The Church of Scotland was called to battle yesterday against the false prophets of sexual nihilism.

OBITUARY
MR CHARLES SQUIRES
Television film director
Mr Elkan Allan writes: Mr Charles Squires, MBE, the television film director, died at the age of 46 on Wednesday at a Harley Street clinic where he was under treatment for a heart condition.

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Why did Gladstone's Postmaster General need a little help? Henry Fawcett was a London MP who was blind under Gladstone's introduction of a bill to help the blind. He received help from the Greater London Fund for the Blind. Henry Fawcett was totally blind.

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Interest paid on deposits of £10,000 and above becomes 11 1/2% p.a. with effect from today, Friday, May 24th, 1974, as a result of the change to 12 1/2% p.a. in the Bank's Base Rate. Hill Samuel & Co. Ltd. 100 Wood Street London EC2P 2AJ Telephone: 01-628 8011

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BUSINESS NEWS

Chase in deal to buy half of NFC consumer finance business

Andrew Goodrick-Clarke, Christopher Wilkies, National Finance Corporation plans to sell half of its consumer finance operations to Chase Manhattan.

Courtaulds' profits rise £48m last year

Courtaulds reported a massive increase in its last year's profits, with results issued to shareholders yesterday.

Threshold payments

Industry, have had their pay agreements refused by the Pay Board. A recession with high unemployment next year...

Pan Am's proposals to stimulate profits

New York, May 23.—Pan American Airways has presented federal officials with a detailed "shopping list" of proposed government measures that it estimates would yield potential profit opportunities annually of \$341m.

Herbert chief defends contracts of service

By Clifford Webb. The extent of service contracts held by directors and their minimal shareholdings were criticised yesterday at an annual meeting of Alfred Herbert, Britain's largest machine tools group.

Last three clearers cut base rate by 1/2 pc

By Ian Morrison. The London clearing banks' current round of base rate reductions came to an end yesterday morning when the three remaining banks—Coutts, Midland and Williams & Glyn's—moved into line with Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster by cutting their rates from 12 1/2 to 12 per cent.

Mr Benn details his priorities in review of BSC closures

By Peter Hill. Details of the Government's plans for reviewing proposed steelworks closures by the British Steel Corporation were revealed yesterday.

Chairman of Milan Bourse is suspended

From John Earle. Signor Urbano Aletti, chairman of the Milan Bourse, has been temporarily suspended from his duties by a Milan magistrate investigating allegations against him in connection with his opposition to the quotation on the over the counter market of a recently formed finance company, IFIA (Istituto Finanziario Italiano Americano).

Commodities index drops sharply to 1974 low

By John Woodland. Further heavy losses were recorded in London Metal Exchange prices yesterday and helped to bring Reuters commodity index to a new 1974 low.

Further £33m Shell order

Shell UK Exploration and Production has ordered another £33m concrete oil production platform from Norway for installation on the Brent oilfield, 112 miles north-east of Sheild.

P&O in talks to buy cruise ship

P & O are negotiating to buy the two year old, 20,000 tons cruise ship, Island Princess, for around £15m from Norway's Fearnley and Eger and American interests.

How the markets moved

Table showing market movements for various commodities and currencies.

THE POUND

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies against the pound.

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Business rents freeze extended

By John Groser. The Government has decided that the freeze on business rents should continue until the end of May next year.

Stock Exchange tightens liquidity rules

By Terry Byland. The Council of the Stock Exchange is tightening up on its supervision of the cash position of member firms by requiring them to submit quarterly returns in standard form.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES

Table showing unemployment and vacancies figures for Great Britain.

Group Turnover

Table comparing 1973 and 1972 group turnover and profits.

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Annual General Meeting

The Report and Accounts will be distributed to shareholders on June 4th and the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Grosvenor Hotel at Langston Road, Leighton, Beds., at 10.30 a.m. on June 11th 1974.

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Fed loans to Franklin bank now put at \$1,100m

From Frank Vogl
Washington, May 23

The Franklin National Bank was reported today to have borrowed around \$1,100m (about £458m) from the Federal Reserve System, and Mr James Smith, the United States Controller of the Currency, has repeated that he believes Franklin—the 20th largest bank in the United States—is solvent.

The Franklin New York Corporation announced late this afternoon that it had requested the Securities and Exchange Commission to continue the trading suspension on its publicly quoted shares and bonds for a further 10-day period.

A spokesman for the bank had no comment to make on the volume of the bank's borrowings, but admitted that "an agreement has been made to obtain funds from the Federal Reserve System".

The bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Franklin New York Corporation and the spokesman said that a revised first-quarter earnings report was likely to be published on Tuesday. It has admitted significant losses on the foreign exchange market, but the revised report is widely expected to show most substantial losses arose from domestic bond market operations and over-extended positions in the Federal funds and Eurodollar markets.

The Wall Street Journal, quoting usually reliable sources, reported that Franklin's borrowings at the Fed are now around \$1,100m.

In an interview with The New York Times, Mr Smith said that after an initial investigation into Franklin's affairs "my position is the same as before—it is a solvent bank".

Mr Smith said he had asked Mr Michael Sindona, largest shareholder in the Franklin New York Corporation with an interest of about 22 per cent, to place his Franklin interests in a voting trust.

Mr Smith said Mr Sindona had agreed and that he would ask Mr David Kennedy, former Secretary of the Treasury, and a

director of one of Mr Sindona's holding companies, to be the trustee. Mr Smith added that "as trustee for the stock Mr Kennedy brings unquestioned integrity".

A big attempt is being made by the Controller of the Currency and the Fed to restore confidence in the Franklin Bankers and the New York market remains sceptical, however, and for them the most important factors will be the revised first-quarter earnings statement and the results of the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation.

Franklin originally reported that first-quarter net operating earnings had slumped 83 per cent to \$582,000.

Germany buys US Treasury bills

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, May 23

Bankers in New York suggested today that West Germany had bought \$600m (about £250m) of non-marketable Treasury Notes.

This could not be confirmed at government departments, but the purchase would be consistent with the West German Federal Bank's policies, which has made purchases on a similar scale in the past. The reports tended to boost Treasury Bill and Note prices here.

Federal Fund rates soared as it became increasingly evident that the Federal Reserve system is a large purchaser in the markets, after having greatly increased money market liquidity last week to aid the ailing Franklin National Bank and to ensure that excessively tight money conditions did not endanger other banks.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why UK reactors are failing to sell abroad

From Mr G. Gill

Sir, I refer to Mr. Holder's letter (May 10) and whilst I agree with much he says, particularly in respect of safety, I still find it hard to understand the thought processes which would lead an overseas utility to choose SGHWR at this present time.

Many high-powered attempts, carrying full government backing, have been made to sell SGHWR abroad since the prototype at Winton operated successfully. I remember particularly Australia, Finland, South Africa and Greece where large teams were engaged for considerable periods.

All failed, and I believe the real reason to be because there was no representative prototype working at the 600MW size the customer wished to buy.

I also find it difficult to believe that our technical credibility remains high enough, following our experience in trying to scale up the AGR, for any small overseas utility to be prepared at this time to purchase SGHWR merely because now, rather belatedly and reluctantly, our own utility is prepared to commence construction.

The overseas utility is in business to make money; he cannot afford to take even the slightest unnecessary risk. He requires the assurance of reliable cheap power delivered on time. At 300MW and above

Low cost power high cost phone

From Mr R. A. Warren

Sir, At a time when electricity prices are being debated, myself puzzling over the lying reasons behind the I have just paid my quarterly electricity bill of just over £11.00. I also my quarterly telephone bill of just over £11.00. I have just paid my quarterly electricity bill of just over £11.00. I also my quarterly telephone bill of just over £11.00.

Both electricity and telephone companies have to create works of transmitter across the country, both maintain these infra-both have to administer organizations, etc.

Why the cost of doing should be more for the than for electricity? If fundamentally more costs the other I should have that it would have been priced poorly? Or what R. A. WARREN, 19 Rectory Road, Farnborough, Hampshire.

Discussions on Skyship financing

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent
Plans for an airship weighing 800 tons constructed in the shape of a flying saucer were outlined in London yesterday.

Called the Skyship, it would cost up to £15m to build, would be powered by ten Rolls-Royce Tyne turboprop engines mounted around its 700 feet diameter hull, and would cruise at around 100 mph between 5,000 and 7,000ft.

Mr John West, a marina engineer, designed Skyship and a company called International Skyship (Transport) Ltd, has been established to oversee the commercial and operational aspects of this revolutionary craft.

Mr West said yesterday wind tunnel tests and feasibility studies had been successfully completed, while discussions over financial backing were going on with two companies.

Skyships would have as their lifting agent the inert gas helium. They have been designed mainly as bulk cargo carriers, able to lift a payload of 400 metric tons but, according to their developers, they would have important military uses.

One Skyship would be able to transport in a single lift two infantry battalions.

Yarrow buys Swan Hunter repair yard

By Peter Hill

Dry docks which could be used for shipbuilding, and other facilities for possible work in connexion with North Sea oil developments have been acquired by Yarrow (Shipbuilders) from the Swan Hunter Group.

Yarrow has bought the ship repair yard occupied by Barclay Curle & Co at Elderslie for an undisclosed sum. About 800 workers employed at the repair yard will be offered employment with Yarrow "in the most appropriate category" at the same rates of pay and conditions as those of other Yarrow workers.

Swan Hunter stated that the sale would give better prospects of job continuity to the Barclay Curle workers. The yard had faced problems because of the decrease in the number of ships trading regularly to the Clyde.

A spokesman for Yarrow said

the dry docks and considerable wharfage facilities—next to Yarrow's present yard—would be integrated into Yarrow and provide the company with fitting-out and docking capabilities suitable for its specialist shipbuilding activity.

"Also, it is possible that in the longer term one or more of the dry docks will be used for shipbuilding purposes. In addition, the company will now have scope to extend its operations into other activities including work connected with North Sea oil developments, should this be in the best interests of the company and its employees in future years," he added.

Swan Hunter made it clear yesterday that the change in ownership of the dry docks would not affect the Barclay Curle engine works at Whiteinch, a subsidiary of the Swan Hunter Group, which had a full order book for the main marine engines it manufactures.

Price panel no dictator, QC says

By Peter Hill

The Price Commission was described as only an "economic policeman" and was never intended to exercise powers of dictatorship over the whole economic life of the country.

This description was given in the High Court yesterday by Mr Leonard Lewis, QC, who was continuing his submissions on behalf of the General Electric Company and its subsidiaries. They are challenging the Price Commission's interpretation of the Price and Pay Code in relation to limiting profits.

Mr Lewis told Mr Justice Mocatta that the code was only a recommendation of the Treasury and had no legislative effect. Everybody was advised to observe the code and the purpose of the commission was to see that this was done. Its function was to stop an undue increase in prices.

The basis of the GEC's case against the commission is that in fixing a profits reference level, it wrongly took into account interest received on certain investments.

Mr Lewis said that since the acquisition of Associated Electrical Industries, and the merger with the English Electrical Co, there had been a substantial increase in the liquid assets of GEC.

In consequence, GEC had placed money on short deposit. They had acquired government and other dated securities. They had made loans to various companies.

The income amounting from these sources was £8,396,673 in the year ended March 31, 1973, compared with £1,432,454 in the previous year and would be substantially greater in the current year.

The hearing continues today.

Car output slips

Disputes in the motor industry are blamed as the chief cause for the dip in car output in the United Kingdom last month to below the seasonally adjusted February and March levels.

Weakness in demand at home and overseas also contributed to the fall off.

Recorded production of cars according to the Department of Industry was 115,328 in April, an average of 28,832 a week and 8 per cent lower than a year earlier, when output was also depressed.

Commercial vehicle production in April at 31,800 was 7 per cent lower than the rate of 7,950—the highest since December last year and 5 per cent more than April last year.

Short address for a licence

From Mr Peter Davidson
Sir, Having inaccurately completed an application for the renewal of my driving licence, it was returned to me to alter. Thoughtfully, a printed return label was included in the envelope. It read:

M.2906 (This number was in handwriting)

The Licensing Branch, Director-General's Department, Greater London Council, South West Area Office, Park House, 165-177 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 1JH.

My secretary tells me that, were this to be typed—as it must be many thousands of times a year—it would take 205 key impressions. Is this a record?

Ever willing to experiment, I spurned the return label and addressed an envelope to: Driving Licences M2906, London SW19 1JH.

Since I now have my licence, may I assume my reply was sufficiently addressed. My shortened version took 39 key impressions—19 per cent of the original. I saved 51 per cent of the key impressions. Is this a record?

Yours faithfully,
P. DAVIDSON,
Avenue Général Larigue 105, Woluwe-St-Lambert, 1200 Bruxelles.

Confusion over foreign cheques

From Mr J. R. Wistow
Sir, The Business Diary entry of May 10 headed "Checking up" was a little confusing, especially when you attempted to explain the meaning of the word "protest" in connection with the collecting of a foreign cheque.

Apparently a customer of a bank asked his branch to collect for him the proceeds of an American cheque. Among instructions that can be given to a bank collecting foreign paper is one concerning the protesting, and in countries with a British connection, the noting of non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill of exchange or cheque.

This is a legal step whereby upon initial non-payment or non-acceptance of a bill or cheque, a more formal presentation of it is made and a written declaration obtained normally by a notary public or some such person that the bill has been duly presented and payment or acceptance refused.

As can be seen this is an option open to the customer and can be an important one if the bill is not paid. It is not, as it has nothing to do with bank or other charges.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. WISTOW,
Flat 10,
40 Elmey Hill,
London, SW15.

Protest by record shops

By Patricia Tisdall

Independent record retailers are making a bitter protest against the "price cut" war" launched by the W. H. Smith group, which has brought some prices down by more than 20 per cent.

Retailers say that WHS, whose reduced price drive was swiftly followed by Boots, are taking an unfair advantage of the Government's pressure on profits to squeeze out High Street competition.

Formal objections have been sent to Mr John McHaven, the Director-General of Fair Trading, by the Gramophone Record Retailers Committee. The committee has sent protest letters to manufacturers saying that the cuts could be the beginning of a monopoly where the majority of sales are controlled by a handful of big retail companies.

Italy's payments gap at record £1,305m

By Patricia Tisdall

Rome, May 23.—Provisional figures published here show that Italy incurred a trade deficit for the first quarter of this year totalling 1,964,000m lire (£1,305m), writes John Earle.

This resulted from a 95 per cent rise in imports over the same period last year and a two-thirds rise in exports. For March alone, the trade gap was 760,000m lire.

Aluminium spurt

By Patricia Tisdall

There was a 10 per cent increase in world aluminium output in April compared with a year earlier. Production in the non-communist countries was 901,000 tonnes against 821,000 tonnes in April last year.

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Pacific shipping links

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Children's tax

From Mr James Joll

Sir, I would like to say Joll's cogently argue against the proposed aggregation of children's from 1974-75 on (May 23).

It is manifestly unfair—proposed tax change such a severe effect, which require the gross income increased absurdly—per a factor of 10 times or more restores the status quo of net disposable income and payments as investment than earned income do than add an illogical fiscal injury since it is to a higher marginal tax the recipient than the

Yours faithfully,
JAMES JOLL,
2 Kensington Park Gardens, London, W11.

BRITISH HOME STORES



SIR MARK TURNER, CHAIRMAN

'Real growth maintained'

	52 weeks to 30th March 1974	52 weeks to 31st March 1973	Increase %
Sales	121,021	98,940	22.3
Trading Profit	17,847	15,089	18.3
Profit before taxation	15,464	13,342	15.9
Dividends per ordinary share:			
Interim	2.7625p	2.45p*	
Final	3.6347p	3.7975p	
Total gross equivalent	9.3713p	8.925p	

(*adjusted for comparison)

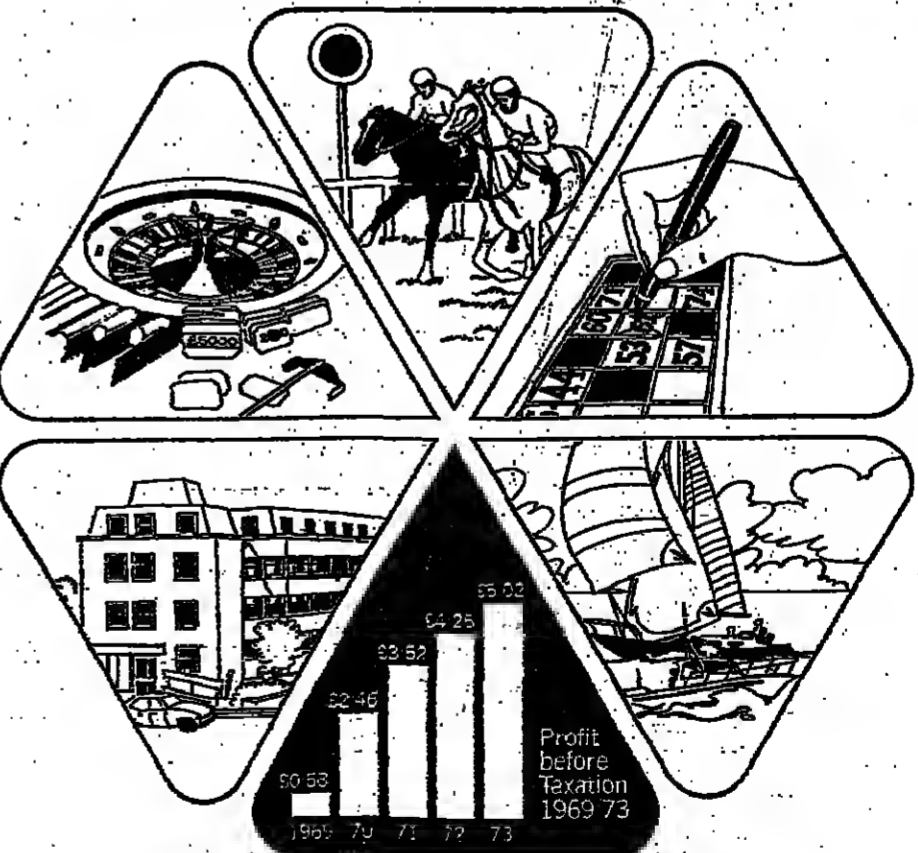
Points from the Chairman's Statement

- Although we have contained prices as much as possible, there is no doubt that inflation has been a major factor in the year's sales increase. The real volume growth of our turnover is probably in the region of 11 or 12%. In all the circumstances this still shows a highly satisfactory increase in our share of the market and in view of the relatively small effect of increased selling space, approximately 2%, confirms the trend of higher volume sales on existing counter footage.
- During the current financial year new stores will be opened at Aberdeen, Grimsby, East Kilbride, Newcastle and Sutton Coldfield, the last two replacing existing stores, while several major extensions will be completed. Growth at about the same rate is planned over the coming years.
- Our suppliers of goods and services have been experiencing similar difficulties to ourselves over the past year and in particular the three day week imposed great strain on them. Without exception they have risen to the occasion and we have nothing but praise for the way they have responded.
- The results we have achieved in the difficult environment we have had to face has reinforced the confidence I have in those who work for us at all levels. I am concerned at the combined effects on staff generally, and on senior and middle management in particular, of prolonged salary curbs on the one hand and increases in personal taxation on the other. The permitted increases in salaries have failed to keep pace with the rising cost of living and the latest increase in taxation has left people who work long hours in a position where their take home pay today is worth far less than it was two years ago.
- Counter inflationary legislation including arbitrary cuts in margins, increased taxation and rising costs have added to the problems we have to face. It is not the intention of our company to allow itself to be dominated by these adverse factors. We intend to expand our business, to increase our sales in real as well as money terms, and to achieve through continued economies and greater turnover a further improvement in our upward profit record.



BRITISH HOME STORES

"As leisure time expands, so will the Coral Leisure Group."



Mark Lane, Chairman of J. Coral Holdings Ltd., speaks in his circulated statement of the benefits to the shareholder of the company's long term plans and its achievements for 1973.

- "Bookmaking... Produced over £1m. of extra profit in 1973. Number of shops now 623. Turnover currently running at over £100m. a year."
- "Casinos... Attendances running at highest ever level... we feel hopeful of increasing the profits of this division in 1974."
- "Bingo... A major new trading division which is already proving to be highly profitable."

- "Property... First contribution from J. Coral Estates Ltd. in 1973 accounts. Mark Lane Investments Ltd., engaged on a number of projects, including prestige leisure development at Blackpool."
- "New Ventures... Active investigation of projects abroad including developments in Madrid and the South of France."



Parent company to the Coral Leisure Group

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Berkeley Square House, London W1X 8PE.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The defensive case for buying Beecham

The strength of the pre-sec's second half, only outrageous optimists have been expecting to hold the pace of the right through to the Not, of course, that was ever likely to be a victim of the re-reduction, in fact, was roughly normal levels lost of the domestic through the final and (and ongoing) profit flat second half kingdom profits was that rising costs.

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Lord Kearton, chairman of Courtaulds, making earlier profit predictions look conservative.

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taxed p/e ratio of 5.7 is taking a justifiably cautious view of 1974, and the implications for the textile cycle.

Final: 1973-74 (1973-73) Capitalization, £233m Sales, £957m (£777m) Pre-tax profits, £116.3m (£68.2m) Earnings per share 31.050p (19.236p) Dividend gross, 7.579p (7.219p)

Lonrho

Being so dependent upon the course of commodity prices, any projection of Lonrho's pre-tax profits for the current financial year must be a hazardous exercise. But there can be few complaints about the interim figures with profits up two-thirds to £16m, and progress apparently being experienced throughout the group, particularly in the cotton and textile—two useful factors in terms of the remittability content.

Sugar contributed nothing in the second quarter—the usual seasonal pattern—but what does one make of an average world price last year of £95.22 a ton and the expectation in some quarters that the spot price could well reach £300 before the year is out, implying perhaps an average price well over £200; on Lonrho's increased production?

The half-year also benefited from the strong copper and gold prices—the latter through the 45 per cent controlled Ashanti Goldfields while the half-owned Western Platinum built up productive capacity. And prospects for the market seem now to have taken a turn for the better on the back of greater fuel economy being developed.

But profits performance is not the name of the game in terms of the share price. One must wait for recovery in status which will be reflected possibly by a meaningful institutional stake in the equity. And until this happens, little sustained upward movement is likely from the present 69p despite the 7 per cent yield and prospective p/e ratio of around 3.

Interim: 1973/74 (1972/73) Capitalization £49.6m Sales £244m (£190m) Pre-tax profits £16.0m (£9.6m)

Ozalid

Ozalid has lived up to its promise with a heady set of second-half figures that have left profits for 1973 27 per cent higher at

£7.35m, comfortably above market targets of around £7m. Moreover, its view of current period prospects is less guarded than most; having come through the three-day week virtually intact thanks to standby power, it is once again budgeting for more profit, although significantly the growth is likely to come from overseas. The sales with the 1973 trend when overseas business accounted for 55 per cent of sales.

At home, margins were under pressure early on with Ozalid pointing out that there had been no general price increases for many of its reprographic products since the beginning of 1972. The prices logjam broke in the second half, however, and on the back of rapidly rising prices for forest products for sensitized paper, it reckons to have cut increases averaging some 27 per cent since November. At the same time, chemical formulations were changed to adapt to new cost circumstances. If anything, the picture overseas has been somewhat more flexible.

The ambition, then, must be to hold margins, etc. home and continue to fatten them up in overseas territories, and there is no reason why this should not be achieved. Not that Ozalid's defensive qualities have escaped the market's notice. With the shares at 175p, selling at 11 times historic earnings and yielding 4.1 per cent, the rating is suitably ambitious. One doubt, though, which the accounts will answer, liquid may look slightly more sound than a year ago, it would not be surprising to see Ozalid going for a long-term funding operation.

Final: 1973 (1972) Capitalization £40.9m Sales £63.1m (£46.6m) Pre-tax profits £7.35m (£5.79m) Earnings per share 15.5p (£13.5p) Dividend gross 7.16p (£6.2p)

Wedgwood

Wedgwood had a strong final quarter with profits going ahead by 42 per cent against a sales rise of 25 per cent, and this seems to point to improvements at one or more of the three loss-making Royal Doulton, Wedgwood Glass and Crown Staffordshire. Moreover, that final quarter gain would have been 72 per cent but for the fact that currency profits have been added to the 1972-73 pre-tax figure, which has been restated from £2.53m.

Overall, the prospect for Wedgwood this year is mixed. Demand remains good, particularly in the all-important North American markets. Almost two-thirds of total sales, as estimated, are expected to come from the long-term markets which will absorb cost increases which cannot be recovered in the United Kingdom is an open question.

In addition to raw material cost problems, such as china, glass, Wedgwood now faces difficulty obtaining supplies for the first time in many years. How much this affects the picture for the current year should become clear when the annual report is made. Meanwhile, the shares at 110p where the historic p/e ratio is 5.7, look fairly valued against the market. The dividend is covered 7.2 times by earnings and offers a yield of only 3.75 per cent so there is no reason to hold the shares on income grounds either.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £12.9m Sales £20.2m (£23.1m) Pre-tax profits £4.24m (£2.74m) Earnings per share 19.97p (14.68p) Dividend gross 4.135p (3.938p)

'Thresholds' of hyper-inflation or cost of living safeguards

THE RPI-THRESHOLD-RPI CIRCUS

1 Month	2 RPI at 1.25% per month from April 1971 to 1974	3 Percent rise over October 1973 threshold	4 Threshold payment in month per man per week	5 Numbers eligible	6 Effect on Dec 74 RPI	7 Effect on June 75 RPI
April	202.1	3%	June 120p	6.9m	0.49%	0.66%
May	201.6	4%	July 40p	7.1m	0.13%	0.20%
June	207.2	5%	Aug 80p	7.3m	0.11%	0.18%
July	213.8	7%	Sept 80p	7.5m	0.17%	0.35%
Aug	214.2	7%	Oct 40p	7.7m	0.06%	0.16%
Sept	218.1	10%	Nov 80p	7.9m	0.06%	0.29%
Oct	217.7	11%	Dec 40p	8.1m	0.00%	0.12%
Cumulated effect on R.P.I.					1.02%	1.97%

Best guesses put the outcome very close to 202.1, partly because the April payment always boosted exceptionally the annual increase in local authority rates.

Specifically, if the retail price index (RPI) for April to be published later today reaches 198.4 per cent, it will trigger a 40p a week rise for those covered by threshold clauses. If it reaches 200.3 it will trigger a 50p a week rise and if it reaches 202.1, it will trigger a £1.20p a week rise.

As a mechanism for accelerating the pay-price spiral, threshold agreements may not be efficient, at least as provided for in the Phase Three pay code. First, prices have to rise 6 per cent before the cost of living feedback effect on pay begins to operate (up to 40p per week for every 1 per cent beyond the 6 per cent).

Secondly, there is about a seven-week lag between prices reaching a particular level (and even that is only on the basis of the whole percentage point below the actual rise recorded, although the RPI itself may be rounded up as well as down) and pay being affected. Indeed, for monthly-paid staff the delay is longer.

Thirdly, 40p is by no means significantly below 1 per cent of the national average wage for men (now close to £50 per week), although since it is also payable for women where employees have threshold clauses, the arrangements with the employer, it may not be much below average earnings of men and women. In practice, however, it appears that employers have resisted full threshold adjustments at 40p a week, and are for their part paid markedly below £40 a week.

Fourthly, threshold agreements have been extended to a mere fraction of the total labour force—6.9 million on the latest official estimate. But some qualifications as to the accuracy of a serious underestimate because many threshold arrangements are not reported to the Pay Board.

Fifthly, a 1 per cent rise in pay costs, even when it is on top of a 10 per cent rise in productivity, is in excess of productivity gains, have a less than 1 per cent effect on prices in the short term—estimated by Tim Congdon in this space on April 19 at about 0.6 per cent.

Sixthly, the Phase Three

Peter Jay asks if threshold agreements will start a limitless inflationary spiral

clock steps in October 1974. One of the necessary conditions for threshold agreements not to be counted against the permissible limits for principal settlements is that the arrangement runs for not more than 12 months from the date of publication of the RPI figure for October 1973 (*Price and Pay Code*, para 176(1)).

The RPI figure for October 1974 is due to be published towards the end of next November, and therefore the last Phase Three threshold payments will be due at the end of the first week in December (or, for monthly-paid staff, at the end of December).

When these frictions, lags and delays are taken together, it is possible to estimate very roughly what the once-and-for-all impact of Phase Three thresholds on the RPI by the end of next year might be.

The crucial question for policy at this moment—and looking ahead to the Government's preparations for a non-statutory successor to Phase Three as a main instrument of pay restraint and therefore of inflation control—is whether the threshold mechanism is indeed an infernal machine for accelerating the process whereby pay and prices chase each other round the limitless spiral of cost inflation.

Already produced such a sharp rate of inflation, including much that is still in the pipeline between costs and prices (hence in part the rapid continuing rate of growth in the RPI this year assumed in the table).

What then follows for policy? On the one hand, there is no crisis necessary to suspend by law the operation of those threshold agreements which have been and may yet be negotiated during Phase Three. On the other hand it is probably desirable to discourage the wide application of threshold clauses in future years.

One should not be dogmatic about this last point. If, for example, the Government thought it faced a choice between rapid indexing with no principal settlements, threshold agreements triggered at 10 per cent (up to the going inflation rate) with maximum principal settlements of 10.1 per cent or principal settlements above the going rate of inflation without any cost of living adjustments thereafter, then the Chancellor would probably prefer either of the first two alternatives.

But there are serious inherent disadvantages in threshold clauses which make them undesirable unless a clear and unmistakable quid pro quo in terms of restraint over principal settlements is available.

For one thing, as Mr Healey has already complained in the Budget (and more expressively in private), threshold clauses embarras short-term demand management, for example by making it difficult for the Treasury to raise indirect taxes

during the currency of the threshold "clock". For another thing, threshold clauses contribute to breaking down "money illusion" and therefore to accelerating the rate at which pay chases the last price increases and brings on the next ones. It may also accelerate the rate at which employers pass pay increases through to prices.

Whereas total indexing of pay without any principal settlements can be actually counter-inflationary, total indexing of principal settlements which are in themselves excessive in relation to productivity is the greatest engine of inflation that can be imagined.

It may be argued that "money illusion" is already in such a state that nothing can damage it further. But while people have widely come to recognize the fact of rapid inflation, they are still slow to acknowledge the implications for themselves and their pay of accelerating inflation. Anything which lubricates the process of pay-price causality must, *Ceteris paribus*, exacerbate inflation.

The crucial question for Phase Four—the social compact or whatever it is to be called—is, of course, whether the total level of pay settlements under it will be such as to enable the going rate of inflation to begin to moderate. If it does not, the outlook for social democracy as well as for the economy will be infeasible. If it does, another chance to avoid self-destruction may be afforded.

For the going rate of inflation to moderate it will be necessary for pay settlements to run significantly below the sum of the rate of inflation plus the going rate of productivity growth. Because productivity gains are now so doubtful, the going rate of inflation offers the safest maximum for pay settlements including the effects of any future indexation of threshold agreements.

To achieve that, the Government's contributions to the social compact will have to be given great weight, not just by the TUC, but also and much more importantly by work forces on the shopfloor. If threshold payments under Phase Three are accepted as payments on account against price rises in 1974, there is a chance that the gamble could work.

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Preliminary Announcement

COURTAULDS

Profit and Dividend 1973/74

The results for the year to March show record exports, record capital investment, record total sales, and record profits. The Group made a net contribution of £155m. to the U.K. current balance of payments from its own exports and overseas earnings after allowing for its own imports and other foreign exchange costs.

	Year to 31st March 1974	Year to 31st March 1973	Increase %
World Sales to External Customers	956.8	777.1	23
Exports from United Kingdom	217.8	145.4	50
Profit before Taxation (after depreciation £41.9m. - 1973 £37.0m.)	116.3	68.2	71
Profit after Taxation	89.4	55.9	60
Courtaulds Shareholders' Interest	84.1	52.2	61
Earnings per Ordinary Share	31.050	19.236	

Expenditure on new assets in the year amounted to £90.7m. (1973 £38.8m.)

The improved results derive substantially from the increased volume of sales, especially exports at profitable prices, and from overseas activities. Sales in the U.K. were up by 13% and those of overseas companies by 25%.

Taxation amounted to £26.9m. (1973 £12.3m.), including £12.2m. abroad (1973 £8.0m.) and £3.2m. of Advance Corporation Tax (1973 £4.2m.).

The Board intends to recommend a final dividend of 3.44p per 25p Ordinary Share, which together with the imputed tax credit is equivalent to a gross dividend of 5.136p making a total of 7.579p for the year. Under the Government's Counter-Inflation regulations this is the maximum permitted. It compares with 7.219p in 1972/73. The cost of the Ordinary and Preference dividends is £14.1m. (1973 £15.5m.) after deducting Advance Corporation Tax of £6.6m. (1973 on final only £4.2m.).

The accounts will be posted on 24th June 1974 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 17th July 1974.

The Ordinary Final Dividend will be paid (if approved) on 25th July to shareholders on the register on 23rd May 1974.

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Base Rate change

Barclays Bank International Limited announces that with effect from 23rd May 1974 its Base Rate was decreased from 12½% to 12% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits will remain at 9½% per annum.



FINANCIAL NEWS

Housing slump brings prospect of 'appalling' year for London Brick

By David Motr
The full implications of the slump in housebuilding on the industry's major suppliers were brought into sharp focus yesterday by Sir Ronald Stewart, chairman of London Brick Company, when he spoke to shareholders at the annual meeting.

The company faces an "extremely poor" first half to be followed by a "most disappointing" year, Sir Ronald said. Brick deliveries were substantially down on last year; production has had to be cut (partly by phasing out old plant); and unless there was a marked improvement in housebuilding over the next few weeks more substan-

tial and damaging cuts in production appeared inescapable. He told shareholders that the company had never known a position quite as bad as this. The first quarter had shown a fall of 46 per cent in housing starts and 1974 was likely to be an appalling year for housing. If present estimates proved correct only 245,000 houses would be started—83,000 down on last year and 105,000 less than in 1972.

In addition to all this cuts in government expenditure on other public sector work were beginning to bite, and would do so increasingly, while Government exhortation and money to local authorities was unlikely to bring a substantial improvement

in the start of schemes this year. This left commercial and industrial building as the only sector where conditions were reasonably buoyant.

The financial implication for the company's margins and cash flow were serious and price control was making the position even more difficult. Following the approval of a 3 per cent price rise in February a further application is to be made.

Sir Ronald said even a small improvement in housebuilding would greatly assist the company and he saw the immediate task as weathering the present storm. Last year pre-tax profits grew from £7.6m to £8.9m. The shares fell by 4½p yesterday to close at 40p.

Huge interim rise at Associated Fisheries

By Our Financial Staff

Reporting a huge half-year increase in pre-tax profits from £1.75m to £4.99m for the period ended March 31, Mr Paul Tapscott chairman of Associated Fisheries, says that all group divisions contributed to this result.

Sales rose from £30.7m to £37.3m, reflecting buoyant market conditions in the market for fish.

However, Mr Tapscott anticipates some slowing down of the growth rate over the rest of the year which will bear the main burden of what he terms "immense inflation of costs", including an increased fuel oil cost of £1.5m.

Associated Fisheries, with a fleet of 148 trawlers, is the United Kingdom's largest trawling group. Mr Tapscott emphasized the importance of

government action on building grants which remained suspended. "If the British fishery is to be kept at an size and competitive with fleets this is a matter of national importance."

CRODA INTERNATIONAL
In spite of queries of figures for first quarter and Mr F. Wood, say he will be most disappointed if group does not have other successful year. There is no general growth will continue rate and at this stage say what 1974 outcome

FRANK GATES
Taxable profits up to £514,000 last year. Share were 15p (16.6p).

The British Investment Trust

Highlights from the Report and Accounts for the Year to 31st March 1974.

Year to 31st March	Total Assets £	Total Revenue £	Earnings %	Dividend %	Asset Value * per Ord. Share
1967	56,400,000	2,097,000	12.30	12	89p
1968	82,300,000	2,442,000	12.66	12½	129p
1969	106,800,000	2,695,000	13.06	13	168p
1970	96,300,000	3,145,000	13.76	13½	144½p
1971	96,900,000	3,411,000	15.13	14½	146p
1972	134,200,000	3,568,000	15.97	15½	206½p
1973	134,000,000	3,923,000	16.02	16½	202p
1974	105,600,000	4,793,000	(net) 14.79	(net) 12½ + 1½	148½p

* Before conversion of Convertible Debenture Stocks

REVENUE

Total Revenue includes £220,000 of U.K. dividends deferred from the previous year as well as unusually large amounts of short term deposit interest.

Earnings and Dividends this year are declared net. Earnings of 14.79% net compare with an approximate equivalent net figure of 11.2% for last year.

Dividends of 12½% net have been declared for the year compared with the approximate equivalent of 11½% net last year. In addition a special non-recurring dividend of 1½% net has been declared. As a result the dividend rate has more than doubled over the past ten years.

CAPITAL

The fall in U.K. markets during the year accounts for by far the largest part of the reduction in Total Assets. Properties have shown only a modest fall in value by comparison.

Oil and oil service companies now make up more than 12% of the portfolio and include major positions in leading North Sea participants such as Halliburton and Burmah Oil.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, The British Investment Trust Limited, 46 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3BR.

The Net Asset Value has fallen by 26%, but is still 88% above the 1964 figure.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Only nominal dividend increases can be expected from U.K. companies in the current year, however dividends from overseas should show further increases and interest rates are likely to continue at a high level.

Overall we are confident that we will be able to maintain our basic dividend rate of 12½% for the current year.

In the U.K. a prolonged period of uncertainty for industry and the stock market is indicated. Nevertheless high quality, well managed companies should in the longer term reward the patient investor.

In North America most of our investments are still producing excellent figures. With many leading growth companies selling at historically cheap levels the potential stock market recovery is attractive.

Results

Assoc Eng go over forecast

Though showing a drop from £3.91m to £3.03m in pre-tax profit for the opening half, Associated Engineering has performed much better than expected two months ago when it forecast the output at some £2.25m. Turnover for the period rose 16 per cent to £77.97m. Net profit sagged from £2.15m to £1.4m and the "attributable" from £1.93m to £1.2m. The interim dividend is 1.37p against 1.31p.

Exports in the latest half increased 28 per cent and sales of overseas companies at the same rate. Combined, they represent some 39 per cent of total turnover.

As expected, profits were affected by the power strike and heavy costs incurred in minimizing the effects of restrictions, while interest payments rose from £1.39m to £1.99m. However, current indications are that second-half profits should match the £4.75m for the corresponding period. If this is the case, the total dividend will be maintained.

J. & J. Dyson slips

On turnover up 10 per cent to £3.56m for the six months to September 30, J. & J. Dyson, makers of refractory materials, turns in taxable profit down from £606,000 to £371,000, accompanied by a forecast of full-time earnings slightly above £1m compared with £1.41m. Two damaging influences were the oil price increases and the miners' strike. On the brighter side, order books are full for domestic customers and for export. As known, the interim dividend is maintained at 1.87p.

£1.7m by Hay's Wharf

With the smoke from the abortive bid from St Martins Property Corporation still lingering in the board of Proprietors of Hay's Wharf has taken stock of the group's trading progress and found that interim taxable profits are slightly higher than budgeted levels.

The pre-tax is up from £1.49m to a record £1.73m, while the attributable stands at £1.17m, against £933,000. The gross interim dividend rises from 1.83p to 1.93p. The capital development time-table is being adhered to; the only hitch seems to be at the redevelopment in Toley Street, where publication of the planning brief has been delayed.

Armitage Shanks

Had it not been for the £315,000 reduction in second-half profits caused by the national emergency, profits of the Armitage Shanks Group for the period would, as predicted,

have beaten the £1.94m achieved after six months. In the event, £1.88m was brought in, giving the group a record outturn of £3.4m against £3.4m. Turnover went ahead from £20.4m to £22.9m. The dividend is raised from 7p to 9.17p as forecast.

Record interim profit from Stenhouse

Growing from £2.19m to a record £2.25m after six months Stenhouse Holdings, the insurance and industrial group, says the benefits of its merger with Reed Shaw Osler, of Canada, are now beginning to emerge and profits will continue to grow beyond the original projections, particularly in the United Kingdom.

After an extraordinary debit of £218,000 (£121,000 credit) earnings a share stay at 3p. Total insurance broking profits rose from £2.86m to £3.67m with £2m (£1.57m) attributable to Stenhouse Holdings. On the industrial side the three-day week took its toll and profits were down from £697,000 to £474,000.

J. Brockhouse

Taxable profits of J. Brockhouse, the West Bromwich-based engineering group, nearly doubled from £505,000 to £1m in the half year to March 31. Turnover was up by 27 per cent from £17.5m to £22.1m. The board believes that second half results will be at least equal to those of the first, indicating a record £2m pre-tax.

Exchange Telegraph

Another record year has been achieved by the Exchange Telegraph (Holdings) group. Turnover for 1973-74 rose from £10.5m to £11.05m while taxable profits reached £1.81m, against £1.79m.

Net profits are down from £1m to £806,000 before adding extraordinary items of £479,000, against £31,000. These last are profits arising from the sale of leases and a subsidiary.

Pritchard Services

Although the overseas expansion of the Pritchard Services Group is still in its infancy, it has helped the group to withstand difficult trading conditions and depressed profits from United Kingdom building cleaning. Following the interim rise in profits from £563,000 to £626,000, the group has achieved a 10 per cent increase to a record £1.48m for 1973.

Turnover is up from £18.6m to £26.8m, and earnings a share are down from 3.33p to 2.76p after adjusting for scrip.

Brunning foiled

The Brunning Group of advertising agents hoped to sustain profits for 1973-74 at around last year's £729,000. To the event, after an 8.7 per cent rise at mid-term the second half succumbed to the economic crisis, which pushed profits for the half down by 16.3 per cent to £350,000 and the year's figures by 5.6 per cent to £688,000.

INTERIM STATEMENT

LONRHO

HALF-YEARLY RESULTS

The unaudited results of the Lonrho Group of companies in respect of the six months ended 31st March, 1974 are as follows:-

	Six months ended 31st March,		Year ended 30th Sept.,
	1974	1973	1973
	£ million	£ million	£ million
Turnover	144.3	110.4	235.95
Profit before Taxation:			
Group	12.7	8.2	23.93
Associates	3.3	1.4	5.44
	16.0	9.6	29.37
Taxation	8.2	5.2	14.04
Profits after Taxation	7.8	4.4	15.33
Minority Interests	3.0	1.2	4.14
Profit attributable to Lonrho shareholders (before extraordinary items)	4.8	3.2	11.19

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Lesney is kept at full stretch

Though Lesney Products achieved record sales of £24m last year, it failed by a wide margin to meet orders, Mr Paul Tapscott, chairman, writes.

On the present position, the chairman, Mr Ralph Bateman says that exports continue to be the bright spot, while at home material and labour shortages, plus the effect of price controls on margins, cast a shadow.

Weather claims on Phoenix The recent floods in Australia are expected to cost Phoenix Assurance about £150,000 this year.

Turner & Newall The three day week did not quite take the toll of Turner & Newall's profits that was feared.

Success for York Water preferred Following the poor response to the most recent water company issues, the Elm 10 per cent offering of redeemable preference stock, 1979 by York Waterworks Co. has got away with considerable success.

Applications were made for £3.7m of stock, and against a minimum tender price of £100 per cent, 1979 by York Waterworks Co. has got away with considerable success.

The average price obtained was £102.3. Brokers to the issue were Seymour, Pierce and dealings will start today.

Eurobond prices midday indicators

Table with columns for various Eurobond issues, including American Airlines, Anglo-American, and others, with their respective prices and yields.

Baxters' fine finish

Just over two weeks ago Brodie Bond Liebig made an agreed takeover bid for Baxters (Butchers) and Baxters reveal record turnover and profits for 1973-74.

GILL & DUFFUS For 1973 turnover was £264.5m and still higher figure expected for 1974; group moving away from dependence on cocoa.

WEIR GROUP Some improvement is seen for 1973, first half will not be good.

BRIDON Mr Barry Smith, told shareholders that in spite of restrictions on power supplies, results for first quarter were better than for same period in 1973.

GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS Mr David Greig told shareholders that report and accounts showed greater achievement. Results for first quarter ahead of those for same period last year.



ASSOCIATED FISHERIES HALF YEAR REPORT 1974

The trading result for the half-year ended 31st March, 1974 exceeded last year by a useful margin. Whilst this result is very satisfactory it must be borne in mind that the immense inflation of costs, facing industry as a whole, will have a far greater impact on the ensuing months of the current financial year.

Table showing Unaudited Accounts for six months to 31st March 1974 and comparative figures for 1973 and Year to 30th Sept 1973. Includes Group Turnover, Estimated Group Net Profit before Taxation, etc.

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National Westminster Bank Rate Changes

National Westminster Bank announces that for balances in its books from and including Thursday 23rd May, 1974, its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 12 1/2% to 12% per annum and its Deposit Rate for balances of £10,000 or more is reduced from 11% to 10 1/2% per annum.

Erith & COMPANY LIMITED BUILDERS' MERCHANTS

Table showing annual General Meeting 23rd May, 1974. Chairman, Mr. E. J. Erith reported: 1971 1972 1973 Group Sales £000's 7,550 8,863 10,902

Review of 1973. Trading Profit was again at a record level of our future prospects were enhanced by the purchase of additional builders' merchants businesses. There has been considerable capital expenditure on premises which contributing to the increase in profitable ex-stock trade.

The Royal Bank of Scotland INTEREST RATES

The Royal Bank of Scotland Limited announces that with effect from 24th May 1974 its base rate for lending is being reduced from 12 1/2 per cent per annum to 12 per cent per annum.

THE SOLVAY GROUP

Principal information extracted from the Annual Report for the year 1973

Table with 4 columns (1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973) and 4 rows (1. COMPARISON OF EXTERNAL SALES, CASH FLOWS AND RESULTS; 2. COMPARISON OF STATISTICS; 3. DISTRIBUTION OF EXTERNAL SALES; 4. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT).

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FINANCIAL NEWS

The last day of the trading account saw an attempted rally by equities thwarted by a fresh hour of nerves. Publication of the Labour Party's manifesto reawakened fears of a general election this summer and liquidator fears continued to unsettle many sectors.

Stock markets

Short-lived rally among equities

hang the market. Bearish reports from the annual meeting of London Brick took 4 1/2 off the shares at 40p. Small losses were suffered by Taylor Woodrow (200p), AP Cement (123p), English China Clay (69 1/2p) and Cement Roadstone (92 1/2p).

Engineering shares traced a somewhat irregular pattern, after abandoning an early attempt to go forward. BLMC (11 1/2p) returned to the low point after some cautious marking-down operations by the jobbers who found a few small sellers.

Robertson Foods put on a 2p to 60p after disclosing trading results slightly above market expectations. But profits news did little to help either Orford (17 1/2p) or Associated Fisheries (78p) or Associated Engineering (38 1/2p).

falls in gold shares. Oils turned dull in this trade. Gilts had an uneven day, but the underpines remained firm. At the opening the market received encouragement from the reduction in base rates, but enthusiasm seemed to die down as the session progressed.

Bids & deals

Stern shies away from Peureula takeover

Wilstar Securities, parent company of the Stern property empire, have ended discussions with Peureula Investments. In April, through a subsidiary, Camana Investments, Wilstar bought a near 20 per cent stake in Peureula from Cityland Hotels, controlled by Mr. D. R. Kirch, who held more than 66 per cent of Peureula equity.

EDINBURGH INDUSTRIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

Profits substantially increased

Extracts from the circulated Statement of the Chairman, J. G. Bizley, for the 53 weeks ended 3rd November 1974. At the commencement of the financial year under review in a period of economic expansion and most common in the Group enjoyed an increase of turnover, although on occasions by the availability of raw materials and components which became more acute towards the end of the financial year.

Table with 2 columns: Financial Metric and 1973 Value. Metrics include Turnover, Profit before tax, Profit after tax, Dividends, and Earnings per 12 1/2p share.

Group interests cover the following fields: Woodworking, Electronics, Plastics, Engineering, Small Tools

Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank announces that with effect from May 24th, 1974 its Base Rate will be 12%, and that its Deposit Rate on amounts lodged subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal will be as under: - Balances under £10,000 will earn 9% (Rate unchanged); Balances of £10,000 and over will earn 10%.



Midland Bank

R. & A. G. CROSSLAND LIMITED

(Manufacturers of Lighting Equipment, Metal Pressings, Cal Trimming and Water Filings)

Continued Progress - Record Order Book

The 25th Annual General Meeting was held in Birmingham on May 23rd, Mr. F. W. Reynolds (the Chairman) presiding. The following is an extract from his circular statement:

The profit of the Group, before taxation, amounts to £341,012 compared with a profit of £301,142 for 1973, both the associated tax credits, the total dividend for the year is 1.39p per share compared with 1.35p per share for the previous year.

Although 1973 was a difficult year due to some shortages and rapidly escalating costs, all three of our subsidiaries increased their turnover and profits.

R. & A. G. Crossland (Walsall) Ltd. was successful in obtaining business from new customers and product plastics components - which have considerable potential - steadily increased. Trent Valley Engineering (Rugeley) has obtained a number of long-term contracts for components in the sanitary-ware and building industries.

Our new building at Walsall is now in the process of completion and we expect to transfer most of our inventory into it by the middle of 1974.

As for the current year, we traded profitably with co-operation of our employees during the three-day week and we have record order books; with our excellent liquidity position I feel that, despite the present economic climate, we can look forward to another record year.

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Latest dividends

Table listing dividends for various companies including Arncliffe Shanks, Assoc Fisheries, Baxters, Becham, Berk Inds & Equip, Courtauld, English Prop, Exel, First Re-Invest, Harbours Inv, Hay's Wharf, Inland, Leeds Dryers, Metro, New Bank Aust, Orford, Peacock, Robertsons Foods, Scots Inv, Scooper Inds, Sumrie Clothes, Thane Inv, Wedgwood.

Mining

Opening boost at Cons Tin

An increase in Amalgamated Metal Corporation's pretax profits in the three months to March, from £242,000 to £249m, boosted profits at the Consolidated Tin Smelters parent from £703,000 to £3.13m.

Apart from AMC, Consolidated Tin benefited from improved results from the Malaysian and Nigerian smelters and from the various industrial activities. Earnings have increased by 20p to 23.2p for the quarter.

Diversified Mortgage Investors was also up 5 1/2p, to 53.8. Turnover included a block of 115,000 shares at 55. Certain-Tec Products fell 1 1/2p to 51 1/2p. The company said on Wednesday it would no longer provide funds to its Valley Forge subsidiary.

English Property caution over £80m value surplus

At the same time of releasing its figures, showing profit virtually stationary, English Property Corporation (formerly Star (Great Britain)) announces its promised revaluation. At October 31, 1973, valuations of completed investment properties on the basis of Robertson's figures, showed a £80m surplus over book values, adjusted for sales plus subsequent additions at cost.

Robertson's strong rally in second half

After the £278,000 setback in the first six months of 1973/74, Robertson Foods, the Gollinog jam and marmalade manufacturer, saw a marked recovery in the second half to leave pre-tax profits for the year only £74,000 down at £1.94m on overall sales up from £26.5m to £32.8m.

Pork Farms at £1m

Taxable profits of Pork Farms, of Nottinghamshire, in the year to March 2 were 36 per cent higher at record £1m while turnover was up 37.5 per cent at £15.3m.

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Dividend for 1973-74 is up from 4.45p to 5.9p and scrip issue of 3.097 for every 100 "B" shares proposed.

GIEVES GROUP

Pre-tax profit last term £51,000, including full year of Redwood book manufacturing.

Wall Street

New York, May 23.—On the New York stock exchange today the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose by 2 1/2 points to 302 1/2. Trading was moderate with volume totalling 14,770,000 shares, compared with 15,450,000 on Wednesday.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amstar, Amstar Corp, Amstar Ind, Amstar Int, Amstar Inv, Amstar Mfg, Amstar Pkg, Amstar Prod, Amstar Serv, Amstar Supp, Amstar Tech, Amstar Trans, Amstar Util, Amstar Vhl, Amstar Wtr, Amstar Wrk.

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New York copper 40 points higher

New York, May 23.—COPPER closed up 40 points on 10 1/2p on 1,000 contracts, 10 1/2p on 1,000 contracts, 10 1/2p on 1,000 contracts.

Table of commodity prices for various items including Coffee, Cocoa, Cotton, Gold, Silver, Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, Sugar, Lumber, Oil, Gas, etc.

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British Rollmakers. Rollmakers, manufacturers and distributors of engineers' tools. Addressing the Annual General Meeting on 22nd May the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Dodd, made the following points: Management accounts for the first quarter of 1974 show a small surplus. Group order position very satisfactory. Roll Division orders twice the value of this time last year. Our only problems are national ones - shortages of raw material and skilled labour, and escalating prices.

BARCLAYS BANK BASE RATE. Barclays Bank Limited announces that with effect from the close of business on 23rd May, 1974 its Base Rate will be decreased from 12 1/2% to 12% per annum. Deposit Rates will remain at 8 1/2% per annum on balances below £10,000. Savings Accounts will continue to attract interest at 8 1/2% per annum. Paymen Accounts will continue to attract interest at 9 1/2% per annum.

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MARKET REPORTS

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log closed 25 points higher... the dollar at \$2.4225 with the Bank of England's weighted sterling depreciated (from December, 1971) widening from 17.37 to 20.96.

Small shortage in discount market

The first hour in the discount market was very busy for the houses following the overnight base rate rise. There was a great deal of position-taking, particularly in the "periods", but the early effect was also to depress rates for "call" and day-to-day money, both of which were quoted at 11 per cent at the outset.

Optimism on ICA renegotiation

Preliminary talks on renegotiation of a new International Coffee Agreement indicate that there is a favourable climate for the continuation of discussions, the executive director of the International Coffee Organisation Mr. Alejandro Fontana Betanzo said in London.

Commodities

Copper plunges £50 a tonne

COPPER closed 25 down at 214.50 for cash while three months' contract fell to 217.50. The metal was down 50 pence a tonne in the "periods" but the early effect was also to depress rates for "call" and day-to-day money, both of which were quoted at 11 per cent at the outset.

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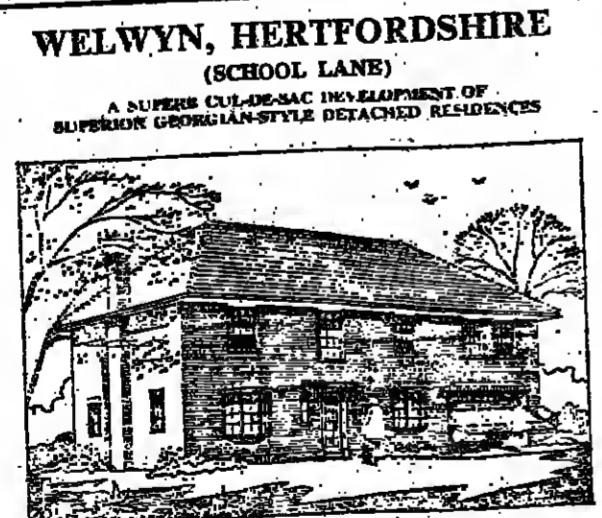
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